

Notes: July 3 2021

Start: 10 AM

Order of service:

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Praise and Worship Songs
8. Message
9. Aaronic Blessing
10. Kiddush
11. Oneg

Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Life, Order and Torah

There are many aspects associated with life that are afforded us in Torah. Since before summer began and thus our proclamation that the summer of 2021 is the Summer of Life, I have shared with you...

- Torah affords us Liberty through Life
- Torah is the foundation of Faith for our Lives
- Through Obedience to Torah, that is rightly divided and rightly understood brings life for us in this world and offers us a window to the Kingdom of Adonai.

Life and Torah are intricately connected in that Torah promotes Life, while Life in its fullest possible realization is a product of doing what Torah conveys. Adonai reveals such promises to Isra'el for whom He has given His Torah.

Lev 18:1 Adonai said to Moshe,

Lev 18:2 "Speak to the people of Isra'el; tell them, 'I am Adonai your God.

Lev 18:3 You are not to engage in the activities found in the land of Egypt, where you used to live; and you are not to engage in the activities found in the land of Kena'an, where I am bringing you; nor are you to live by their laws.

Lev 18:4 You are to obey my rulings and laws and live accordingly; I am Adonai your God.

Lev 18:5 You are to observe my laws and rulings; if a person does them, he will have life through them; I am Adonai.

Adonai reveals a way of living that is different than what they experienced in Egypt where they were and is to be different in Kena'an where they are headed and will reside. Each society, each culture, had a way of living, yet Adonai conveys something rather profound here. It was not where they lived nor where they are about to live that brought forth this life, promoted this expansion of life, but a promise made long ago when Adonai affirmed His Covenant with Avraham...

Gen 17:2 I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will increase your numbers greatly."

It was Adonai who promised to increase the number of Avraham's descendants greatly.

Exo 1:7 The descendants of Isra'el were fruitful, increased abundantly, multiplied and grew very powerful; the land became filled with them.

It was the giver of life who caused Avraham's descendants to increase in number, thus it wasn't a "healthy lifestyle" or anything that occurred in Egypt that promoted life, it was quite the contrary. Egypt's intent was to squelch life, specifically on Isra'el...

Exo 1:9 but said to his people, "Look, the descendants of Isra'el have become a people too numerous and powerful for us.

Exo 1:10 Come, let's use wisdom in dealing with them. Otherwise, they'll continue to multiply; and in the event of war they might ally themselves with our enemies, fight against us and leave the land altogether."

This increase in number, this increase in life frightened the Egyptians, who would continually plot to suppress an increase in the numbers of Isra'el whom they viewed to be a thread.

Exo 1:11 So they put slavemasters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built for Pharaoh the storage cities of Pitom and Ra'amses.

Exo 1:12 But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more they multiplied and expanded, until the Egyptians came to dread the people of Isra'el

Exo 1:13 and worked them relentlessly,

Exo 1:14 making their lives bitter with hard labor—digging clay, making bricks, all kinds of field work; and in all this toil they were shown no mercy.

The harder life was for them, the more life was produced. The leaders of Egypt even schemed to murder male children in order to suppress Isra'el's growing numbers...

Exo 1:22 Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Every boy that is born, throw in the river; but let all the girls live."

Thus life in the manner by which Adonai views it is not based on culture but based on Covenant.

We are celebrating our nation's Declaration of Independence from the British Empire. George III was really no different than Pharaoh, who would oppress the liberties of the 13 colonies, viewed them as a territory of the Crown, a property of the Crown. They were under the authority of the King and thus whatever the King commanded was to be done. The only rights afforded the colonies were the rights allowed by the King. Even after the Magna Carta of 1215, the rights of the colonies were few. They in essence had no voice and thus were mere property, a possession. The rights of Isra'el under Pharaoh, King of Egypt were also few. They too could be viewed as property of a King.

We tend to frame life in terms of lifestyle, the manner by which we live. Thus there are competing lifestyles.

Simply put, there is the lifestyle by which man / society dictates and there is a lifestyle by which Adonai reveals. Keep in mind that even the lifestyle by which man establishes has its origins in the Biblically based lifestyle Adonai has revealed, it is selective and not total. Though not fully embracing all that which Adonai has revealed, some of the major aspects are shared by man's / culture's, that is dependent upon the country.

Order is established through the laws of a nation, yet not all nations are to be viewed as being equal in their ways.

In many nations, murder is viewed as a crime and thus outlawed, yet the means by which it is viewed is subjective. Not all life is created equal but is considered to be transactional and thus evaluated as a cost to other life, whether in the world or in the womb, life is determined to be of value or not by Adonai's created, not the creator. In our country's past we valued life by the color or one's skin, not by the content of one's character. Other nations value one's life based on their identity, thus when you look at the population of the Uyghur Muslims who reside in China, citizens of the nation, They are considered to be one of [China's 55 officially recognized ethnic minorities](#). They are not afforded the same rights, yet because of their identity many are repressed (subdued by force) and oppressed (kept in subservience and hardship) through what are identified as re-education programs.

In contrast, Adonai does not place conditions nor terms upon justifying that which He identifies as being murder. It is not based on who you are, but what you have done.

[Exo 20:13](#) 1 "Do not murder.

A very specific statement, yet in its simplicity does not attempt to justify or establish parameters by which murder is acceptable or justified. The taking of life for other than what would be considered a capital offense against Adonai is not permitted. The author of life has established order pertaining to life for He has done so according to who He is, now who we are...

[Exo 34:6](#) Adonai passed before him and proclaimed: "YUD-HEH-VAV-HEH!!! Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [*Adonai*] is God, merciful and compassionate, slow to anger, rich in grace and truth;

[Exo 34:7](#) showing grace to the thousandth generation, forgiving offenses, crimes and sins; yet not exonerating the guilty, but causing the negative effects of the parents' offenses to be experienced by their children and grandchildren, and even by the third and fourth generations."

He reveals through the Prophet Yesha'yahu (Isaiah)...

[Isa 55:8](#) "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says Adonai.

Thus Adonai establishes an order that He has placed upon the nation of Isra'el and an order by which other nations have adopted, yet selectively. Our nation has adopted many of the ways of Adonai with the intent of establishing an order for this nation.

That which is lawlessness lacks order, thus a nation without law is a nation that will perish. A nation cannot exist without order, just as it cannot exist without borders.

Adonai establishes an order by which the people of the Covenant are empowered to live. His ways are intended to establish an order by which the people can live. In a manner it is like self governing, in that His laws are to followed by the people, while being enforced by the people. There is a manner by which people are brought before the leadership of the nation, and thus the case is to be heard. Eye witness testimony is to be the foundation by which any crime against the ways of Adonai is to be established. His ways identify transgressions directed towards Him such as idolatry...

Exo 20:2 א "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery.

Exo 20:3 ב "You are to have no other gods before me.

Exo 20:4 You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline.

Exo 20:5 You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Exo 20:6 but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.

and transgression towards His creation such as murder. Hearsay is not in anyway acceptable.

Deu 17:6 The death sentence is to be carried out only if there was testimony from two or three witnesses; he may not be sentenced to death on the testimony of only one witness.

Deu 17:7 The witnesses are to be the first to stone him to death; afterwards, all the people are to stone him. Thus you will put an end to this wickedness among you.

Deu 19:15 "One witness alone will not be sufficient to convict a person of any offense or sin of any kind; the matter will be established only if there are two or three witnesses testifying against him.

And yet Adonai even establishes a guide for false witnesses...

Deu 19:16 "If a malicious witness comes forward and gives false testimony against someone,

Deu 19:17 then both the men involved in the controversy are to stand before Adonai, before the cohanim and the judges in office at the time.

Deu 19:18 The judges are to investigate carefully. If they find that the witness is lying and has given false testimony against his brother,

Deu 19:19 you are to do to him what he intended to do to his brother. In this way, you will put an end to such wickedness among you.

Deu 19:20 Those who remain will hear about it, be afraid and no longer commit such wickedness among you.

Thus within order Adonai establishes deterrence whereby a means to counteract future actions and practices.

Order through Torah establishes boundaries for a people and a nation that is enabled to live according to Adonai's ways and opportunity to prosper in that lifestyle. He affords every means possible for success, yet success requires listening and obeying for which I shared with you last week...

Deu 28:1 "If you listen closely to what Adonai your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, Adonai your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

Deu 28:2 and all the following blessings will be yours in abundance—if you will do what Adonai your God says:

Deu 30:15 "Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil—

Deu 30:16 in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings ; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and Adonai your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it.

Yeshua not only affirms all that Adonai establishes...

Mat 5:17 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete.

Mat 5:18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud (ך) or a stroke will pass from the Torah—not until everything that must happen has happened.

Mat 5:19 So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

but exemplifies it in word and deed.

Mat 5:21 "You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Do not murder,' and that anyone who commits murder will be subject to judgment.

Mat 5:22 But I tell you that anyone who nurses anger against his brother will be subject to judgment; that whoever calls his brother, 'You good-for-nothing!' will be brought before the Sanhedrin; that whoever says, 'Fool!' incurs the penalty of burning in the fire of Gei-Hinnom!

Not only does Yeshua affirm Adonai's Mitzvah here, but goes a step further to identify the catalyst residing within an individual that would lead to the action.

Mat 5:38 "You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.'

Mat 5:39 But I tell you not to stand up against someone who does you wrong. On the contrary, if someone hits you on the right cheek, let him hit you on the left cheek too!

Mat 5:43 "You have heard that our fathers were told, 'Love your neighbor—and hate your enemy.'

Mat 5:44 But I tell you, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

Mat 5:45 Then you will become children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun shine on good and bad people alike, and he sends rain to the righteous and the unrighteous alike.

Mat 5:46 What reward do you get if you love only those who love you? Why, even tax-collectors do that!

Mat 5:47 And if you are friendly only to your friends, are you doing anything out of the ordinary? Even the Goyim do that!

Mat 5:48 Therefore, be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

We are not to just be citizens of the world but are citizens of the Kingdom. An order that defies the rationality of the world, yet is the foundation of the Kingdom

Order is established by Adonai through Torah, whether it is the order of the universe, the order of a nation, thus where there is order there is life...

Isa 55:1 "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You without money, come, buy, and eat! Yes, come! Buy wine and milk without money—it's free!

Isa 55:2 Why spend money for what isn't food, your wages for what doesn't satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and you will eat well, you will enjoy the fat of the land.

Isa 55:3 Open your ears, and come to me; listen well, and you will live—I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the grace I assured David.

Isa 55:4 I have given him as a witness to the peoples, a leader and lawgiver for the peoples.

Isa 55:5 You will summon a nation you do not know, and a nation that doesn't know you will run to you, for the sake of Adonai your God, the Holy One of Isra'el, who will glorify you."

Isa 55:6 Seek Adonai while he is available, call on him while he is still nearby.

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked person abandon his way and the evil person his thoughts; let him return to Adonai, and he will have mercy on him; let him return to our God, for he will freely forgive.

Isa 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways," says Adonai.

Isa 55:9 "As high as the sky is above the earth are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isa 55:10 For just as rain and snow fall from the sky and do not return there, but water the earth, causing it to bud and produce, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater;

Isa 55:11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth—it will not return to me unfulfilled; but it will accomplish what I intend, and cause to succeed what I sent it to do."

Isa 55:12 Yes, you will go out with joy, you will be led forth in peace. As you come, the mountains and hills will burst out into song, and all the trees in the countryside will clap their hands.

Isa 55:13 Cypresses will grow in place of thorns, myrtles will grow instead of briars. This will bring fame to Adonai as an eternal, imperishable sign.