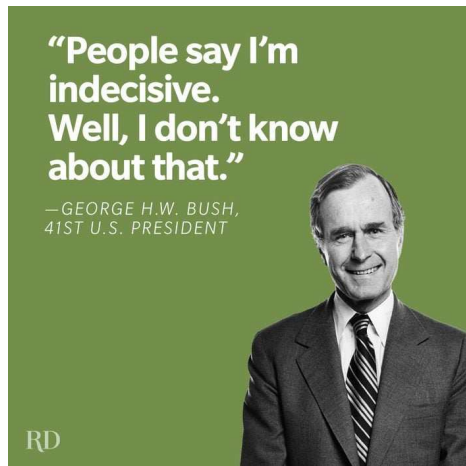


January 24, 2026
Feed the Flock
Acts 20.28

Presidential humor

Faced with crises at home and abroad, presidents found that levity and wit could lighten the weightiest office in the nation.



“Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the National Debt.” — Herbert Hoover, 31st U.S. president

“I’ve laid down the law, though, to everyone there from now on about anything that happens, that no matter what time it is, wake me, even if it’s in the middle of a Cabinet meeting.”—Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. president

- “Recession is when your neighbor loses his job.
 - Depression is when you lose yours.
 - And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his.”
- Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. president

Not without reason was Ronald Reagan known as “The Great Communicator.” He often deployed stories to amuse his audience and to make a point. His one about Cuban leader Fidel Castro did both: “It is said that Castro was making a speech to a large assembly. And he was going on at great length and then a voice out in the crowd said, ‘Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks.’

“And he went on speaking, and again the voice said, ‘Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks.’ ... And about the fourth time this happened, he stopped in his regular speech and he said, ‘The next time,’ he said, ‘I’m going to find out who that is and kick him all the way to Miami.’ And everybody in the crowd said, ‘Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks.’”

[<https://www.rd.com/list/the-funniest-joke-told-by-presidents/>]

**FEED
THE FLOCK
OF G-D**

Acts 20:26
Rabbi Shmuel Wolkenfeld

January 24, 2026 | 6th of Sh'vat, 5786
ו' בשבט תשפ"ו

OR HAOLAM
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Acts 20.28 “Watch out for yourselves, and for all the flock in which the Ruakh HaKodesh has placed you as leaders, to **shepherd God’s Messianic community**, which he won for himself at the cost of his own Son’s blood.

[<https://biblehub.com/greek/4165.htm>]



poimainein	tēn	ekklēsian	tou	Theou
ποιμαίνειν	τὴν	ἐκκλησίαν	τοῦ	Θεοῦ ,
to shepherd	the	church	-	of God

poimainó: To shepherd, to tend, to **feed**, to guide
the Sept. for רָאָה *ra-ah* to **feed**, to tend a flock, keep sheep;
[“Feed” is only one of the meanings, but maybe the most promoted.]

Rev 7:17 proclaims, “For the Lamb in the center of the throne **will be their Shepherd**. He will lead them **to springs of living water**, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes”
[A key task of the Lamb, as shepherd, will be to quench the thirst of his people.]

¹ Kefa/Pet 5.1 Shepherd the flock of God that is in your care, exercising oversight not out of constraint, but willingly, as God wants; and not out of a desire for dishonest gain, but with enthusiasm.
[<https://biblehub.com/greek/4165.htm>]

The verb demands more than teaching; it includes guarding, guiding, and willingly sacrificing for the welfare of believers.

The Messianic Scriptures employ this vivid verb to unite themes of **nurture**, oversight, and royal authority. The Good Shepherd who laid down His life now calls His under-shepherds to guard His blood-bought flock.

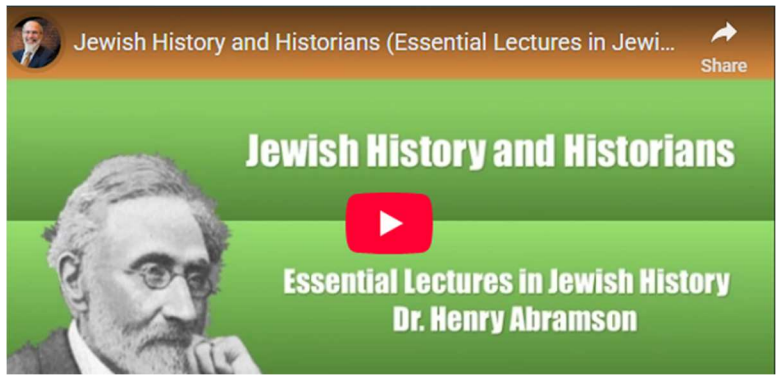
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KJ21 **Feed** the congregation of God which He hath purchased with His own blood.

AMP Shepherd (tend, **feed**, guide) the congregation of God

[<https://www.biblegateway.com/verse/en/Acts%2020%3A28>

I am going to focus on this aspect of the word: feed.]



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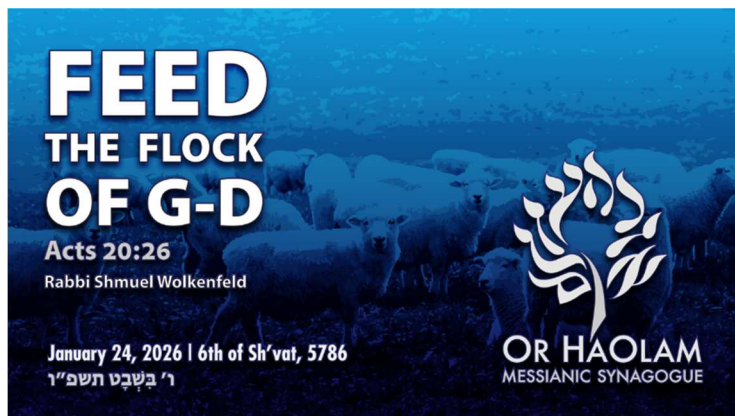
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Excerpt from

The Jewish Diaspora: A Brief History Henry Abramson

What is Jewish History?

“They tried to kill us, we survived, let’s eat.”



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4. Character development [holiness]
 - You shall be holy

A 23rd psalm picture of a well-shepherded flock. We can assess our flock by this standard.

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T'hilim 23.1a Adoni is my shepherd

He is the shepherd. Pharaoh Ex 5.2 Creator. Father.

Yn 10.14 Gives His life for his sheep

[Do we have a sense of Who our shepherd is?? Key to FEELING well tended.

Milky Way 100,000 light-years across, 200 billion stars

Andromeda nearest galaxy (2.5 million light-years) from Earth.

Alpha Centauri nearest star ~4 light-years 24 trillion miles.

One shepherd tells of neighbor sheep look across the fence.

Shepherd marks them on the day he buys. Are you marked as His? Enjoying being part of His flock. Renouncing the world.]

T'hilim/Ps 23.1b I lack nothing.

Yn 16.33 "I have said these things to you so that, united with me, you may have shalom. In the world, you have tsuris. But be brave! I have conquered the world!"

[When I was in Life Insurance sales, they said, "Sell the sizzle, not the steak." Security kids, peace of mind, promise. Restaurants set vents. "I must have." I need. "Needy guy" One kid: "That's all I want."

*2 Cor 2.16-17 For to God we are the aroma of the Messiah, both among those being saved and among those being lost; to the latter, we are the smell of death leading only to more death; but to the former, we are the sweet smell of life leading to more life. Who is equal to such a task?" Our sizzle. David wrote this as a shepherd, then 8 years fleeing Shaul, 2 times Shaul admitted. 1 yr fleeing Avshalom
G-d is making you as rich as He dares to.]*

Yn 14.8-10 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us." Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me?"

T'hilim/Ps 16.11 **You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Phil 4. 10-13 **In union with the Lord I greatly rejoice that now, after this long time, you have let your concern for me express itself again. Of course, you were concerned for me all along, but you had no opportunity to express it. Not that I am saying this to call attention to any need of mine; since, as far as I am concerned, I have learned to be content regardless of circumstances. I know what it is to be in want, and I know what it is to have more than enough — in everything and in every way I have learned the secret of being full and being hungry, of having abundance and being in need. I can do all things through him who gives me power.**

T'hilim/Ps 23.2a **He has me lie down in grassy pastures**
Four things keep sheep from sleeping

- Fear
- Friction with others
- Parasites
- Hunger

[Fear: easily panicked. One Pekinese pup 23b]

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Tension with flock

Q&A at membership meeting

Love your neighbor as yourself

Gal 5. 14-16 **For the whole of the Torah is summed up in this one sentence: “Love your neighbor as yourself”; but if you go on snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other! What I am saying is this: run your lives by the Spirit. Then you will not do what your old nature wants.**

[Members meeting Feb 8, Q&A]

T'hilim/Ps 23.2b **He leads me beside still waters.**

T'hilim/Ps 23.3a **He restores my soul.**

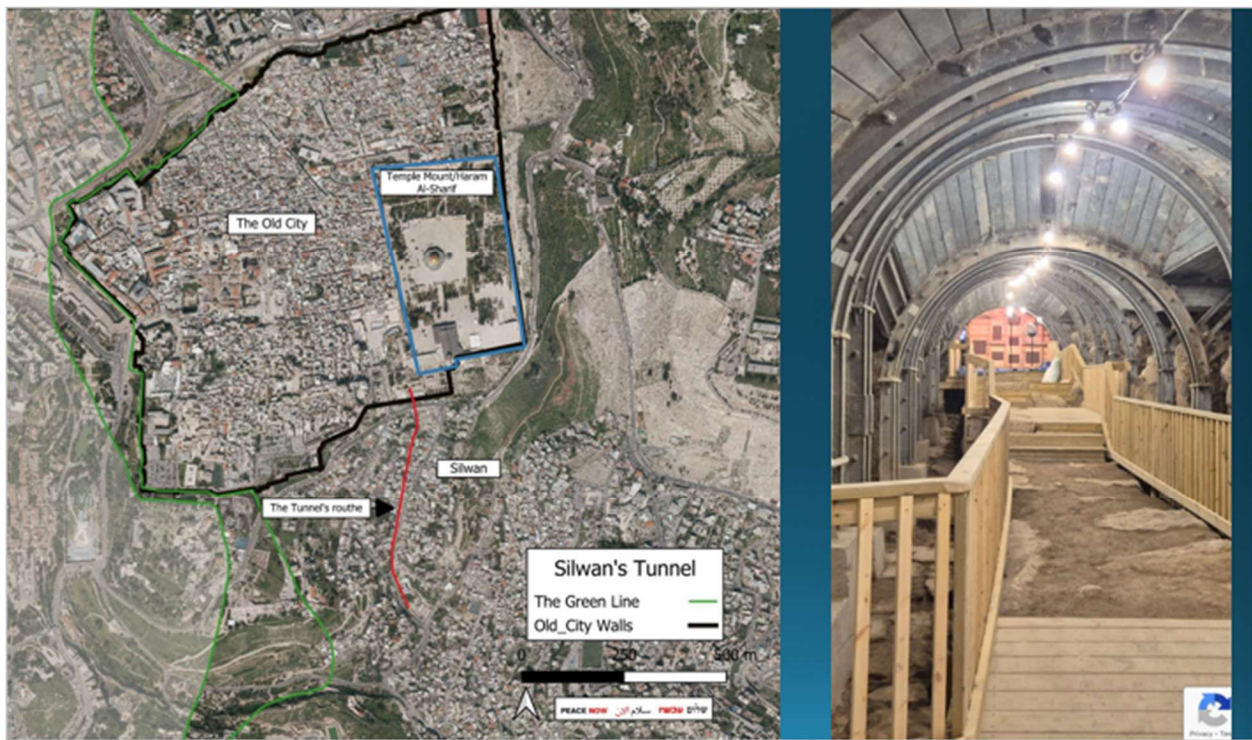
T'hilim/Ps 23.3b **He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.**

- Path of integrity, fruitfulness
- Path to Israel

[Outreach Ingathering. Mishloakh Manot at the end of February]



- Dates: 11/11/2026 – 11/22/2026
- Even included an overnight at the Dead Sea!
- \$4799 from NYC, or \$5197 from MCI includes air, most meals, 1st rate hotels and buses, and awesome guide and driver.
- Deposit only \$300 to secure spot.
- Friday night erev Shabbat with Chaim Malespin at Aliyah Return Center
- Shabbat worship Kehilat HaCarmel Karen Davis
- Lunch in Jericho with Khader Ghanim Hope for Ishmael
- Immersion either Yardanit, or Qasr al Yahud
- New southern tunnel
- Joshua's altar
- Serve with Joseph Project warehouse and the Gaza envelope



[<https://peacenow.org.il/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Silwan-tunnel-1536x1454.jpeg>]



[North part of the W Wall tunnel.]

<https://youtu.be/kDQnpFPVh8g>

T'hilim/Ps 23.4 Even if I pass through death-dark ravines, I will fear no disaster; for you are with me; your rod and staff reassure me.

[עם ישראל חי] Am Yisrael Khi The people of Israel live.



**72 Soldiers Lost to Suicide.
You Can Help Save the Next One.**

Since October 7, 2023, 76 IDF soldiers have died by suicide. More than 300 others have attempted suicide. These soldiers survived Gaza. They survived Lebanon. They survived combat. But they couldn't survive what they brought home with them.

"My friends died."

"My nervous system is shattered."

"I saw horrible things."

This is moral injury. The deep psychological wounds from trauma, loss, and the horrors of war. The

trauma and PTSD these soldiers carry are just as real as any physical wound.

[<https://mailchi.mp/jij/2324-9202520?e=5b00c6e90f>]

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T'hilim/Ps 23.5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

[The bottom line to our being well shepherded is if we have the discipline to feast at His table, daily! Receive His anointing.

Eric Carlson: keep learning Teddy Roosevelt died in sleep w ~6 books

Fortune 500 1956 and 2026 only 49 in common

Oil at Ein Gedi

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T'hilim/Ps 23.6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
[Eternal values]