

PRAYER 8/16/2025

- Please pray for a natural healing for Joanne's leg.
- Please pray for all those serving in the IDF, as well as allies, as they work towards eliminating threats to Israel and all her allies.
- We continue to ask for the L-rd's protection and provision for all those in the Ukraine and Russia conflict, especially for the loved ones of those in our Mishpachah who are involved or have family in harm's way.

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY FAMILY:

Steve Derman – CYT Mishpachah
Emily & Wally – Daughter and son-in-law of Floyd and Lynda Zimms
Alissa – Niece of Mary Setteducato
Andrea – Daughter of Mary Schmitt
Samuel – Son of Ed and Stephanie Gonzalez
Grace – Daughter of Dave and Anita Turner- Steele

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

8/21 – Brian Hamilton; 8/22 – Carolee Denning; 8/28 – Lynda Zimms
8/30 – Tracy Kirscher

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/4 – Bill & Tracy Kirscher; 8/16 – Floyd & Lynda Zimms

YESHUAT TSION HELPS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

1. Viola Szczepocka (Belarus Ministry/Chevre, in Eastern Europe)
2. Eitan & Connie Shishkoff (Tents of Mercy/Ohalei Rachamim, Haifa)
3. Bill & Diana Bjoraker (Bill & Diana Bjoraker Ministries, ministry to Israelis in MT)
4. Sally Klein O'Connor (Improbable People Ministries)
5. Rabbi Kirk & Carla Gliebe, (Devar Emet Messianic Jewish Outreach, Skokie, Illinois)
6. Mordechai Wiseman (Israel Firstfruits, Israel Center for Economic Advancement)
7. Kat Patterson - Chosen People Ministries, serving in New Zealand and Israel

THE PUSHKAH (OFFERING BOX)

Offerings may be placed in the *pushkah*. Checks may be mailed to the CYT office or placed in the exterior mailbox. There are electronic payment options on our website <https://yeshuattzion.org/give> (PayPal, Visa, Debit). You can also donate via Zelle us: cytzelle@yeshuattzion.org



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Shabbat Shalom!

ALL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE ON YOUTUBE:

Shabbat live-streams: <https://www.youtube.com/@YeshuatTzion/streams>

Previously recorded Shabbat messages: <https://www.youtube.com/c/YeshuatTzion/videos>

CYT LEADERSHIP:

Rabbi David Katz, Jessica Katz, Joy Urbach, James Grant, Linda Grant, Michael Lang, Floyd Zimms, Lynda Zimms

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

August 16, 2025

22 Av, 5785

Ekev עקב

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Rom. 8:31-39, Hebrews 11:8-13

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture.....Acts 12:5-16

Message: "Pray and Wait/Expect the Good Report!"Michael Lang

Aaronic Blessing

At Congregation Yeshuat Tzion, our purpose is:

- YESHUA CENTERED WORSHIP in the Jewish context.
- TO ESTABLISH A NURTURING COMMUNITY OF FAITH - A congregational family where each person is encouraged to grow into maturity in the L-rd and serve according to his or her spiritual gifts.
- TO RAISE AND MENTOR THE NEXT GENERATION of young people to follow Yeshua and to care deeply for G-d's restoration of Israel.
- TO REACH OUT TO ALL PEOPLE WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF YESHUA, with special emphasis on the unaffiliated JEWISH COMMUNITY of greater Denver.
- TO REACH OUT TO FELLOW BELIEVERS, equipping them to sensitively share Yeshua with their Jewish friends.

TORAH TIDBITS

Where Are You Looking?

The Torah portion (*sedra*) sounds a bit like a parent saying to a child: "YOO HOO, are you listening?" Moses seems to be saying to Israel over and over again: "Listen closely!" The issue here is not the ability to hear G-d's Word, but to listen with a receptive heart, [i.e., act on it]. After 40 years in the desert, Israel did not have a great track record for obedience, and the nation had been disciplined by the L-rd because of its disobedience. So, it's understandable why a message of hope also needs to be woven into Moses' charge to Israel. Here, as the nation is facing the prospect of crossing into Canaan and battling with the giants, it is very insecure. The people are thinking: "How can we conquer these people when we are so puny (7:17-18)?"

Moses does not argue with the people and say to them: "You are wrong! We are a nation of 2 million people, with 600,000 fighting men. We should have no problem defeating them." Instead, he challenges them to take their eyes off themselves and on to the L-rd. Moses reminds them of the spectacular power the L-rd displayed in delivering them time and time again. He also challenges them to remember what kind of G-d they serve: "...the L-rd your G-d, who is among you, is great and awesome" (7:21).

We at Yeshuat Tzion find ourselves in a similar situation. We are not a large congregation, so it is easy for us to sink into unbelief when we look around and wonder: "Can we make a significant impact upon our community?" Or, we may battle with unbelief when it comes to our own individual circumstances—"Can G-d really help me to overcome my weaknesses so that my life will make a significant difference, for Him? We need to take Moses' words and apply them to our situations.

Like Israel, we need to lift our eyes off ourselves and onto the L-rd. The L-rd is the One who has given us a call to serve Him—as a congregation and as individuals. Like Israel, we need to follow the L-rd in obedience, step by step. The L-rd is not promising to us, any more than He did to Israel, that the process would be instantaneous. In fact, He did say that we would have to fight, but that He is the One that would give us the victory. Let us remember that "faithful is He who has called us, who will also perform it," (I Thessalonians 5:24).