

PRAYER 8/9/2025

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

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

August 9, 2025

15 Av, 5785

Va'etchanan וַאֲתַחֲנֶן

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1-26

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Matt. 23:31-39, Mark 12:28-34

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture.....Acts 11:15-18

Message: "G-d Is No Respector of Persons - Are You?...Rabbi David Katz

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

A Prayer for Serenity

The title, *Va'etchanan* means "and I pleaded," (3:23). Moses shares with Israel his own personal struggle. He had sinned against the L-rd—he struck the rock instead of speaking to it as the L-rd had commanded him. For us his action would be excusable—the heat, the lack of water, and the murmuring of 2 million murmuring people would drive a person to distraction. Yet, the L-rd thought differently. Moses, the spiritual leader of Israel needed to demonstrate unswerving obedience to the L-rd. Now Israel is about to cross the Jordan River into Canaan. Moses is heartsick—after 40 years of mostly faithful leadership, to come so close to the promised land and yet not to be able to lead Israel into it... So, Moses *k'vetched* ("pleaded") to the L-rd. The L-rd refused to change His judgment—Moses was permitted to see the land from a mountaintop but could not enter the land.

This episode reminds us of Paul's struggle in II Corinthians 12:7-10. Paul pleaded for relief from his "thorn in the flesh," (probably, some sort of sickness such as eye disease). The L-rd's response was: "My Grace Is Sufficient for You," i.e., "you have to rest in Me, despite the problem." As we struggle with this kind of an answer, we can use some tips from the "Prayer of Serenity" [from Alcoholics Anonymous]: "L-rd, give me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

There are times to wrestle with G-d in prayer for a need, as Jacob did, but there are times to release our burdens to Him and affirm the truth of Yeshua's words, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light...," (Matthew 11:28). This portion includes the *Sh'ma* (meaning "hear"), in 6:4. This statement of faith calls on Israel to devote herself to the L-rd alone and flee from idols.

The Haftarah reading (Isaiah 40:1-26) provides a sharp contrast with the observance of *Tish'ah B'Av*. It provides a comforting word to those who have been mourning. In this Haftarah portion, the L-rd says, in effect, "You have mourned long enough." Israel has gone through much suffering, often as a punishment for its sin. The L-rd wants to comfort and encourage His people. This is particularly relevant today. We have passed 70 years after the *Sho'ah* (Holocaust), and we still sense that anti-Semitism is lurking around—all we need are some acts of anti-Semitic vandalism to remind us of that. The message of this Haftarah hits home—the L-rd does discipline us for our sin, yet He remains our loving, all-powerful Father. On this Shabbat of Comfort, let us rest in Him and offer His comfort to others.