PRAYER 9/27/2025

- Please pray for the upcoming coming Yom Kippur services on Wednesday and Thursday. May many from the mishpachah as well as guests attend and be blessed.
- Please pray for Israel in its war against terror. May the L-rd lead the nation to victory.
- Please pray for the remaining hostages and their families. May G-d reveal Himself to them.
- 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

9/3 – Fil Lucero; 9/8 – Joy Hemby; 9/18 – Floyd Zimms; 9/18 – Emmanuella Katz; 9/20 – Carolyn Sechler; 9/28 – Ed Gonzales

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

9/9 – Bill and Joyce Preussner; 9/11 – Bill & Tricia Patterson; 9/15 – Willie & Irene Ortiz; 9/23 – Brooks & Lauren Kanski

YESHUAT TSION HELPS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

- 1. Viola Sczepocka (Belarus Ministry/Chevra, 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)

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Shabbat Shalom!

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

September 27, 2025

5 Tishrei, 5786

Va'yelech אילן

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 31:1-31:30

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6 - 56:8; Hos.14:2-10

(Haftarah: Hosea14:2(1)-10, Micah 7:18-20, Joel 2:15-27 Shabbat Shuva)

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Romans 7:7-12

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture......Acts 16:6-14

Message: "Only The L-rd Opens Hearts"......Rabbi David Katz

Aaronic Blessing

At Congregation Yeshuat Tsion, 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

Aba's Love Is Relentless

Va'yelech (and he went [and spoke]) is part of Moses' farewell address to the children of Israel. It also includes conversations between Moses and G-d, Moses and Joshua, and Moses and the Kohanim (priests). It begins with the challenge by Moses to Israel and to Joshua to be "strong and courageous," (31:6,7). The nation is overlooking the land of Canaan—G-d's promised land, "a land flowing with milk and honey," but they are facing the formidable opposition of the Canaanite nations. The challenge to be strong and courageous is not expecting the people to dig down deep and find human resources. Rather, they are expected to learn how to depend on G-d's Presence empowering them (31:6,8)— "for the L-rd your G-d goes before you. He will never leave you, nor forsake you..."

Moses reiterates G-d's command to the priests to have the Torah read before the whole nation every seven years (31:9-13). This would take place during every seventh year, on *Sukkot* (the Feast of Tabernacles). The seventh year was known as the year of *shemitah*, when all debts were to be forgiven and slaves were to be set free. The reading of the Torah would serve as a renewal of the covenant vows and a reminder to the people about their commitment to follow the L-rd.

What follows next (31:14) is a rather grim reality to his people, that despite G-d's goodness in bringing them to the land, they will demonstrate an utter degree of faithlessness. Next week's portion, *Ha'azinu* [Listen!] continues that theme in a form of a poem (song, from 31:30-32:44).

The haftarah portions (Hosea 14:2-10; Joel 2:11-27; Micah 7:18-20) provide a comforting counterpoint to the grim prediction we see in the sedra.

"I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger will turn away from him. I will be like dew for Israel. He will blossom like a lily, and thrust out his roots like Lebanon." (Hos.14:5-6)

This is a vivid reminder that Israel's sin is not beyond G-d's redemption. It is as well an <u>encouragement to all of us to remember that our weaknesses and our sins do not surprise G-d and are well within His capacity to restore</u>.