

PRAYER 1/3/2026

- Please pray for Sheri A-M. and her family as they mourn the loss of Sheri's father.
- Please pray for Elaine L., who has been hospitalized again.
- Please pray for Israel to courageously take action to fulfill its unfinished military tasks. Please pray that plots against the nation would be revealed and thwarted.
- Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people as acts of antisemitism rise worldwide.
- We continue to ask for the L-rd's protection and provision for all involved 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. Please pray for the end of this war.

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1/2 – Banks Kanski; 1/4 – Zakary Katz; 1/13 – Mirko Canji; 1/14 – Martha Canji;

1/23 – Michael Lang

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1/12 – Vlad & Lana Kazakov

YESHUAT TSION HELPS SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

1. *The Belarus Ministry, in Eastern Europe - serving a very poor and elderly Jewish population*
2. *Avi & Hannah Tekle - Tents of Mercy/Ohalei Rachamim, Haifa*
3. *Bill & Diana Bjoraker - Bill & Diana Bjoraker Ministries to Jewish People*
4. *Kat Patterson with Chosen People Ministries – Outreach to Israelis in New Zealand*
5. *Rabbi Kirk and Carla Gliebe – Devar Emet Messianic Jewish Outreach (DEMJO)*
6. *Mordechai Wiseman – Israel Firstfruits, Israel Center for Economic Advancement*
7. *Sally Klein O'Connor (Improbable People Ministries)*

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:

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

January 3, 2026

14 Tevet, 5786

VaYechi וַיְחִי

READINGS:

Torah: Genesis 47:28-50:26

Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Hebrews 11:21-22; 1 Peter 1:3-9

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:.....Php.3:4-14

Message: "How Will You 'Level Up' in 2026?".....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

Passing on the Torch of Promise

This portion is called Va-Yechi, meaning "And he lived." Jacob's life is rapidly coming to an end, and he calls his children to his side for blessings. This whole passage is filled with Jacob's blessings for his children and grandchildren. Because his words here are not always clear, we forget that this is not idle chatter on Jacob's part. As the spiritual patriarch of Israel, he is speaking prophetically as G-d's mouthpiece. Jacob begins by upsetting the applecart for Joseph. The older of Joseph's sons was Manasseh, and the birthright would have naturally gone to him. Yet, Jacob, led by the L-rd, switched the order around and gave the primary blessing to the younger, Ephraim. When we read the historical record of Israel, we find that in fact, the tribe of Ephraim was always in the limelight instead of Manasseh. This illustrates a principle that we found earlier with Jacob. The L-rd often chooses people contrary to what seems "logical" or "natural."

Jacob's blessings over his sons (not grandsons) illustrate a mixed record. In fact, for several of them, the "blessings" really appear to be more of a curse or a condemnation. Judah stands out in the bunch: "The scepter will not depart from Judah. . . until Shiloh comes. . ." (49:10). Again, Jacob seems to have it backwards—Reuben was the firstborn, not Judah. Yet Jacob gives the authority to rule to Judah. (In those days, the king extended his scepter to anyone he wished to see.)

What about the meaning of "Shiloh?" (The NIV's translation is probably not the best choice here, "to whom it belongs"). Most Jewish and Christian scholars agree that here, Shiloh is a code name for Messiah. In other words, the kings of Israel would come from the tribe of Judah, until the Messiah appears.

Did you realize that about 40 years after Yeshua came, the Temple was destroyed and with it, all the genealogical records of Israel? We now have no way of knowing who comes from the tribe of Judah. In other words, Shiloh must have already come! Jacob, seeing into the future through the Holy Spirit, was able to see all of that, and now he could pass on in peace. The promise, first given to his grandfather Abraham, will now come to fruition in one of his descendants.