

PRAYER 10/3/2026

- Please continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
- We continue to ask for the L-rd's protection and provision for all involved in the Ukraine and Russia conflict.

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY FAMILY:

Steve Derman – CYT Mishpachah
Wally – Son-in-law of Floyd and Lynda Zimms
Alissa – Niece of Mary Setteducato
Andrea – Daughter of Mary Lawson
Samuel – Son of Ed and Stephanie Gonzalez

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

10/1 – Jessica Katz; 10/12 – Lana Kazakov; 10/13 – Carole Sundine
10/15 – Tricia Patterson; 10/15 – Ryan Sechler; 10/17 – Paul Arvidson
10/17 – Matthew Steele; 10/22 – Logan Sechler; 10/28 – Reed Sundine

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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: Congregation Yeshuat Tsion 1480 W. Canal Ct.
Littleton, CO 80120 or placed in the exterior mailbox.
Electronic donation on our website: yeshuattzion.org (PayPal, debit, or credit)
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Shabbat Shalom!

ALL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE ON YOUTUBE:

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

Previously recorded Shabbat messages: <https://www.youtube.com/c/YeshuatTsion/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

October 3, 2026

22 Tishrei, 5787

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17, Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12;

Genesis 1:1-2:3; Numbers 29:35-30:1

Haftarah: Joshua 1:1-18

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Romans 7:21-25

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Hebrews 4:7-16

Message: "Resting in His Word"Michael Lang

Aaronic Blessing

At Congregation Yeshuat Tsion, we purpose to:

- WORSHIP THE LORD through the culture of Biblical Judaism and when applicable, incorporate practices from traditional Judaism. Above all, we want our worship to be YESHUA CENTERED.
- ESTABLISH A NURTURING COMMUNITY OF FAITH – A congregational family where each person is encouraged to grow into maturity in the Lord and serve according to his or her spiritual gifts.
- RAISE AND MENTOR THE NEXT GENERATION of young people to follow Yeshua and to care deeply for God's restoration in Israel.
- REACH OUT TO ALL PEOPLE WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF YESHUA, with special emphasis on the unaffiliated JEWISH COMMUNITY of greater Denver.
- REACH OUT TO FELLOW BELIEVERS, teaching them the Jewish roots of our faith and equipping them, sensitively, to share Yeshua with their Jewish friends.

TORAH TIDBITS

Happy Torah Day?

You might wonder, especially if you were not raised in a Jewish environment, why anyone would throw a special party to conclude the reading of a code of Jewish law. That is how many people, especially in the Church, see the Torah -- a rigid set of "Jewish Laws", which regulate every aspect of life for the people of Israel.

Simchat Torah is not mentioned in Leviticus as one of the required festivals. Even during New Testament times, *Simchat Torah* did not exist. Although the Torah was read every Shabbat in the synagogues, there wasn't a regular cycle of Scripture reading. In the Sixth Century C.E., the rabbis settled on a yearly cycle of readings from the Torah. Over a period of time, it became customary to have a special celebration when the Torah reading was completed.

By the 16th Century, *Simchat Torah* was recognized as a special holiday that followed *Sukkot*. In fact, many of the traditions and prayers of *Sukkot* were adapted for *Simchat Torah*.

You find much rejoicing in the Torah in the Tanach. King David saw no conflict between a passionate love for G-d and a determined commitment to follow the L-rd's instructions in Torah. What has happened to make the Church view the Torah as a huge torture machine?

Here is the standard approach to the Torah among many believers--the people of Israel received the Torah, a code of law, to keep them in line. This was a system based on works-righteousness, human self-effort and because of that, it was doomed to failure. When Yeshua came, He freed us from the bondage and the curse of the Law, so that we are no longer "under the Law". Now we are under Yeshua's law--a law of grace and the Spirit. That seems like a nice, simple explanation, especially when we read some statements in the New Covenant that seem to support it. Yet, as we read the Bible more carefully, it is obvious that the Torah provides the basis upon which the rest of the Bible is built. It reveals much about who G-d is, specifically about His holiness. And Yeshua himself says in Matthew 5:17, "I did not come to destroy the Torah, but to fulfill it."

For us, who are followers of Yeshua, *Simchat Torah* should be an even greater day of rejoicing than it is for the traditional Jewish community. We have G-d's Torah, which is spiritual, perfect, reviving the soul. What's more, for us, the Torah runs not on our wisdom and our power, but on G-d's "juice". Torah is inward, it is written upon our hearts, and the Holy Spirit who resides within gives us power to follow G-d's Torah.

Is this a day of rejoicing in an oppressive code of law? Not on your life.