

PRAYER 12/13/2025

- Please pray for Anita Turner Steele's family. Her sister, Karen, passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for Mike, Karen's husband, and David, Karen's son.
- Please pray for health and healing for Zachary D. son of Bob and Barb, as well as full recovery for Elaine L. and Nancy D.
- Please pray for Israel as it continues to assess and respond to threats from its neighbors. May the leaders of Israel look to G-d for wisdom.
- 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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/7 – Gail Horstman; 12/9 – Zachary Sechler; 12/13 – Chris Meunier; 12/14 – Elaine Lustig; 12/14 – Willie Ortiz; 12/15 – Ricardo Carillo; 12/22 – Ellen Ritt

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

12/2 – Ellen Wyatt-Gothe & Jim; 12/22 – Mirko & Martha Čanji

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:

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

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

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

December 13, 2025

23 Kislev, 5786

VaYeshev וישב

READINGS:

Torah: Genesis 37:1-40:23

Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Matthew 1:1-6, 16-25

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:.....Num.7:1,89-8:3

Message: "Did Yeshua Eat Jelly-Filled Donuts?".....Dr. Hélène Dallaire

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

G-d's University May Include a Course in Prison

In this Torah portion, the key player is Joseph. As we saw with Jacob, Joseph is not Mr. Perfection either. We see a tattletale (Genesis 37:2); we see also gross insensitivity—"G-d showed me that in the future, all of you will bow down to me," (37:5-8). This is what he tells them after tattling on them.

If we fast-forward for a moment, to the end of Joseph's life, we see a very rosy picture indeed—G-d vindicates Joseph and shows that those dreams did in fact come from Him; Joseph becomes elevated to the #2 position in all Egypt and acts as a savior of his people and of the Egyptians. This is a very popular scenario among believers—G-d showers His blessings upon us as we obey Him. What we forget is that between the dreams of the teenager Joseph and their fulfillment, there were some very long years.

These middle chapters in Joseph's life don't play very well to the audience of believers today. Joseph is sold into slavery in Egypt—a humiliating and traumatic experience for a sheltered, spoiled youth. Then, we start to relax—Potiphar notices that his life improves a lot because of Joseph, so he elevates Joseph to serve as his chief of staff. Things are beginning to turn around. Then, a major test of Joseph's moral fiber comes—will he allow himself to be seduced by Potiphar's wife? Joseph passes that test with flying colors. His reward? Thirteen years of prison! Then, our hopes start to rise again—Joseph interprets a dream for an official in Pharaoh's court who promises to put in a good word for him. The official returns to the court, but forgets about Joseph.

Put yourself in Joseph's shoes—here he is in a cold, dark dungeon. Twelve years have passed since he was accused of attempted rape by Potiphar's wife and incarcerated. Does he become bitter and disillusioned with G-d? No—the writer of Hebrews describes Joseph as a man of faith (Hebrews 11:22,13). Why did G-d allow Joseph to go through all this grief? The most likely reason is that the L-rd needed to take this youth and prepare him for the important position in Egypt. Joseph had to become tempered and matured. He had to learn to trust G-d through the tough course on patience in prison.

What about us today—what is the L-rd doing with us now? Whether on top of the world, or in a dungeon, let us learn to follow the L-rd like Joseph did. We need to trust Him and allow Him to prepare us for whatever He has for us. If we learn to follow Him through lean times, we'll be better prepared to follow Him in rich times.