

PRAYER 12/20/2025

- Please pray for Anita Turner Steele's family as they mourn the loss of Anita's sister, Karen.
- Please pray for continued healing and recovery for Zachary D., son of Bob and Barb, as well as Elaine L.
- 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 20, 2025

30 Kislev, 5786

MiKetZ מִקֶּצֶת

READINGS:

Torah: Genesis 41:1-44:17

Haftarah: 1 Kings 3:15-4:1

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Romans 10:1-13

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:.....Acts 22:23-29

Message: "Rabbi Sha'ul's 'Golden Years'"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

Two Long Years

The name of this portion, "Mi-ketz" means "at the end of" (two years). As we look closely, we notice that Scripture places special emphasis on the length of time (in other words, "two [long] years"). Joseph had been in the dungeon for close to 11 long years. He had hoped that when he interpreted the dream for the cupbearer (a glorified butler), the cupbearer would remember him and mention his case to Pharaoh. But soon he realized that the cupbearer was not going to be of any help to him. Two more long years passed in the dark dungeon.

Just at this point, things start to change. Pharaoh has a disturbing dream (41:8); the forgetful cupbearer managed to remember Joseph (41:9). Was this a coincidence? The wait may have been unbearable for Joseph, but it was just the right timing for G-d. The L-rd in His wisdom knew that Joseph needed the right touch (i.e., 13 years of study in the school of hard knocks) to transform him from a spoiled teenager to a mature man, prepared to serve the L-rd in a high position. The preparation paid off!

Joseph is now elevated from a slave in prison to the second-in-command in the entire land of Egypt. That's a dizzying rise to power (0-60 mph in 2 seconds). The scriptural record shows that Joseph had almost absolute power in Egypt (41:44). There is a lot of truth to the saying, "Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely!" We see many people who rise to power quickly and self-destruct because they cannot handle the power. Yet, we find that Joseph handles the power wisely and uses his authority to bring physical deliverance to millions of people. The preparation paid off!

Joseph's life provides a challenging model for us to follow. Doing good deeds often does not result in an immediate reward. In fact, often we end up feeling as if G-d is punishing us—we end up in worse shape after doing what we know is the right thing to do. We get tired of being "do-gooders," (Galatians 6:8). We get impatient with G-d's timetable, insisting that He follow our schedule, forgetting that the L-rd is the One who designed us and knows what we need to flourish.

Let's trust our loving Heavenly Father that He has our best interest at heart and allow Him to fashion us according to His plans.