

PRAYER 2/7/2026

- Please pray for Aaron's recovery after surgery.
- Please pray for Vlad's full recovery.
- Please pray for Elaine's full healing.
- Please pray for Israel as it continues to navigate threats from its enemies.
- Please pray for the protection of the Jewish people as acts of antisemitism rise worldwide.
- We continue to ask for the Lord'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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2/1 – Dave Steele; 2/4 – Joyce Preussner; 2/9 – Hélène Dallaire; 2/16 – James Grant; 2/23 – Bill Patterson; 2/25 – Leviya Katz; 2/26 – Barbara Gallegos; 2/28 – Greg Horstman

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/2 – Fil and Toni Lucero; 2/7 – James & Linda Grant; 2/22 – Aaron and Ellen Ritt Johnson; s2/27 – Paul (and Cindy) Arvidson

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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A MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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>

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

TORAH TIDBITS

February 7, 2026

20 Shvat, 5786

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READINGS:

Torah: Exodus 18:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Matthew 8:5-20

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Acts 27:24-32

Message: "With G-d There Should Be No Plan B"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.

The Cure for a Messiah Complex

How do you cure a Messiah complex? In this Torah portion we see how the L-rd helped Moses deal with it. Moses sent his wife to report to his father-in-law on how G-d had blessed him since they last saw each other. Jethro decided to come and see for himself. What Jethro saw bothered him—Moses was working non-stop. From sunrise to sunset, Moses had people crowding around him, wanting him to make judgment in their cases. With a nation of two million people, there were a lot of disputes to settle. Jethro gave him simple advice—"You are taking on too much, Moses. Delegate the cases that you can to others and only deal with what you have to."

Taking on too much is a common human disease (not limited to rabbis and pastors). We get caught up with the rush of life and don't notice that we have taken on giant-sized burdens. The result—we get exhausted and burnt out. The L-rd, in His grace, sends to us "Jethro types" who speak G-d's Word into our lives, "My yoke is easy and My burden is light," (Matthew 11:30). Our challenge is first of all to stop long enough to listen, and then, to release our self-imposed burdens, just as Moses did.

Why are we so prone to taking the world upon our shoulders? Perhaps one major reason is that we temporarily forget who G-d is—the all-powerful Master of the Universe. We get caught up in the treadmill of self-powered activity to such an extent that the L-rd fades from the picture. At times like that, we need to be refreshed with a new glimpse of the L-rd. This is a need that both the Torah and the Haftarah portions address. When the Torah was given on Mt. Sinai, it came with powerful manifestations of G-d's great power—thunder, lightning, sound of the trumpet (*shofar*), smoke, etc. In Isaiah 6 we also see an awesome picture of G-d—seated on a high throne; the train of His robe filling the Temple; seraphim (angels) hovering above Him... Isaiah's response? First of all, admitting his sin: "I am a man of unclean lips...", and then, after being cleansed, "L-rd, here I am, [*Hineni*], send me [to do Your work]."

Are we struggling with a messiah complex—thinking that unless we perform flawlessly, the world would fall apart? If so, isn't it time to get cured of it?