

PRAYER 4/11/2026

- Please pray for a successful surgery for Debora with a smooth recovery.
- Please pray for the US and Israel during this time of ceasefire. May G-d give the leaders of both countries wisdom to bring about a complete victory.
- 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

APRIL BIRTHDAY:

4/5 – Cierra Lucero

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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TORAH TIDBITS

March April 11, 2026

24 Nisan, 5786

Shemini שמיני

READINGS:

Torah: Leviticus 9:1-11:47

Haftarah: 2 Samuel 6:1-7:19

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Hebrews 8:1-6

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Matthew 28:1-8

Message: "What a Difference a Day Makes"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.

Fire Can Be Warm, But It Can Also Burn

Reading through this Torah portion, especially chapters 9 and 10, leaves one a bit dizzy. We find ourselves on an emotional roller coaster. Chapter 9 is glorious. After the Tabernacle itself was consecrated (dedicated) in Exodus 40, the people who ministered in it, the priests themselves, needed to be consecrated. The dedication ceremony was very elaborate. Aaron and his sons had to cleanse themselves physically (washing themselves with water) and spiritually (offering a sin/purification offering). Also, Aaron and his sons showed that they were dedicating themselves to the L-rd's service by bringing a burnt offering. Moses anointed them with a special oil that included spices: cinnamon, myrrh, cane, and cassia. Aaron and his sons gave off a fragrant aroma, but along with the oily anointing there was a spiritual anointing.

Next, it was Aaron's turn to "go through his paces" as the new high priest. He offered sacrifices on behalf of the people and pronounced the blessing over them. He and Moses went into the tent (Tabernacle) and pow! "...the glory of the L-rd appeared to all the people. Fire came from the presence of the L-rd and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar," (9:23, 24a). When was the last time any of us saw the glory of the L-rd displayed like that? No wonder the people of Israel shouted for joy and fell down on their faces. Wouldn't you?

Shortly afterwards, another fire came out from the presence of G-d. This time it consumed not the animal sacrifices, but the offerors themselves—Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron. It is enough to make a person nervous! The L-rd through Moses gave a cryptic statement: "Among those who approach Me I will show Myself holy; in the sight of the people I will be honored," (10:3).

Evidently, this is what Aaron's sons failed to do. The scriptural account states that they brought "strange or unauthorized" fire before the L-rd. In other words, they came to minister before the L-rd when He did not invite them in. The rabbis explained that they may have been drunk, since the instructions that the L-rd gave afterwards specifically forbade the priests from drinking wine before they came into the Tabernacle.

What lesson(s) can we draw from this? We desire to experience more intimacy with the L-rd, yet we need to remember that our L-rd is "a consuming fire," (Hebrews 12:29). He is a holy G-d who demands that we be serious about sin. This is particularly true of those who serve in leadership capacity, who are held accountable to a higher set of standards (James 3:1). This should not intimidate us but help us maintain a holy respect for our holy G-d.