

PRAYER 4/4/2026

- Please pray for victory for the US and Israel in their war against the regime that has funded terrorism worldwide. May G-d bring a swift 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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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

March April 4, 2026

17 Nisan, 5786

Shabbat Chol Hamoed: Pesach

READINGS:

Torah: Exodus 33:12-34:26 Numbers 28:19-25

Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1-51

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): John 20:1-14

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture: Luke 22:7-20

Message: "From Lamb to Ham: A Historical Survey" ..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

Passover Potpourri

We sometimes think that Passover is limited to the Seder. Actually, both in Scripture and in tradition, there are many more customs to celebrate the first few nights other than the Seder. In Scripture (Leviticus 23:9-14) we find Firstfruits—the beginning of the barley harvest. A sheaf of barley was brought to the Tabernacle (later the Temple) and waved in the presence of the L-rd. In addition, a burnt offering, a grain offering and a drink offering were brought at the same time. This was a vivid reminder to the people of Israel not to be greedy and selfish, but to stop and remember from where their material blessings came.

We too need to pause and take time—we also forget Who is the source of our blessings (James 1:17).

Firstfruits for New Covenant believers has an additional meaning. Yeshua, on the first day after the Sabbath on Passover, rose from the dead and became the "firstfruits" or the beginning harvest of those who will be raised from the dead (I Corinthians 15:20).

From that day when the people of Israel brought that first sheaf of barley, they were to count 49 days until the first fruits of the wheat harvest called Shavu'ot (or Pentecost). The custom of counting days has come to be known as "the Counting of the Omer," (an omer is a measure of wheat, like "bushel"). The counting of the omer has always been a time of waiting—having experienced a small harvest of barley, and looking forward to G-d's more abundant harvest. The disciples of Yeshua waited patiently (?) for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, we today, have experienced G-d's blessings of different types, but we know He has so much more for us. So, we patiently (?) wait for the balance...

Another Passover custom is the reading of Song of Songs (Megillat Shir Ha-Shirim). This has always been puzzling. Song of Songs is a song of celebration (a fairly explicit one) of the physical joys of married life. What does that have to do with Passover? The rabbis explained that Song of Songs can be seen as symbolic of G-d's special love relationship to the nation of Israel. What better time to celebrate it than at Passover, when the L-rd demonstrated it in so many tangible ways—the deliverance from Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, etc. What about us—when was the last time we took time to revel in G-d's tender love for us, enjoying first-fruits of all kinds?