

## PRAYER 5/2/2026

- Please pray for Debora as she recovers from surgery.
- Please pray for Sheri as her broken ribs heal.
- Please pray for the US and Israel in their war against the regime of Iran. May G-d bring about a complete victory for the US and Israel.
- 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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

5/3 – Linda Grant; 5/5 – Vlad Kazakov; 5/5 – Stephanie Gonzales; 5/7 – David Katz; 5/19 – Kent Brown; 5/23 – Brooks Kanski; 5/25 – Irene Ortiz; 5/26 – Barb Delong

### 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)*

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# YESHUAT TSION

A MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

*Shabbat Shalom!*

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### **CYT LEADERSHIP:**

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# CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

May 2, 2026

15 Iyyar, 5786

## Emor אמר

### READINGS:

Torah: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): 1 Peter 2:4-10

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture: .....Colossians 1:24-2:5

Message: "Not So Mysterious Mysteries" .....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.

# TORAH TIDBITS

## The Few, The Proud, The Chosen

These chapters of Leviticus are a bit unsettling—the L-rd hits a little too close to home. We are sometimes like the Marines—proud to wear the uniform but perpetually *kvetching* (grousing) about the training. We forget that the identification badge, being known as believers, does not come without a cost.

For instance, we observe the case of the man who blasphemed the L-rd's name (24:10-15). This man used the L-rd's name as part of a curse. Today, this would not even rate a one-line mention in one of our newspapers. Back then, it was in bold headlines on the front page, "A Man Blasphemes the L-rd's Name and Is Stoned to Death!" Capital punishment seems to be a harsh punishment in response to this man's action. Yet, we don't know his attitude. If he committed the sin with a rebellious heart, severe punishment was required (Numbers 15:30-36).

The L-rd expected Israel to adhere to a higher set of standards than the nations around it. Otherwise, it could not be light in darkness. Yeshua makes the same point: unless our lives convey a greater degree of godliness than our unbelieving neighbors, what purpose are we really serving (Matthew 5:13-16)? This was particularly true in the case of the priests. If we examine some of the qualifications the L-rd lays down for the priests, most of us would sigh, "Phew, I am glad that the L-rd did not create me to be one of the Levites." Those of us who serve in leadership would do well to re-read this passage regularly (21:1-22:16).

The L-rd has laid down higher standards for those who serve Him in that capacity. If this passage were taught more often, the ministry would not suffer the disgrace that it does today. James reinforces the same message: "Not many of you should presume to be teachers. . . because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly," (3:1). This should not discourage us from pursuing the gifts and calling that we each have; but should remind us that with greater authority comes greater responsibility.