

PRAYER 5/23/2026

- Please continue to pray for a completely recovery for Debora.
- Please pray for the success of the US and Israel in their military campaign against the government of Iran.
- 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
Wally – 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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Shabbat Shalom!

ALL SHABBAT SERVICES ARE ON YOUTUBE:

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Floyd Zimms, Lynda Zimms

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

TORAH TIDBITS

May 23, 2026

7 Sivan, 5786

Shavu'ot

Special Reading for Shavuot - שבועות

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17

Haftarah: Habakkuk 2:20-3:19; Book of Ruth

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Acts 2:1-13

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Acts 2:1-13

Message: "Shavuot Harvest to Messianic Potluck".....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.

The Feast of *Shavu'ot* (Weeks) was a major holiday in Biblical times. In fact, it was one of the three festivals when every male was expected to come to worship in the Temple at Jerusalem. In those days, it was mostly an agricultural festival. The Torah was ambiguous regarding the exact date to allow for differences in harvest time. Israel was to count 50 days from "the first day after the Shabbat," (Leviticus 23:11,15). The Greek name for this holiday, "Pentecostos," means 50th. The rabbis interpreted the "Shabbat," to mean the Passover. Counting began on the second day of Passover week. On *Shavu'ot*, the barley and wheat harvest were complete, and the first fruits of the wheat, fruits and vegetables were brought in. The people of Israel were expected to rest and have joyous worship with a large number of sacrifices.

In time, the rabbis calculated that the Torah must have been given on Mount Sinai on the same day (the 6th of Sivan). After the Temple was destroyed by the Romans (70 CE), *Shavu'ot* stopped being an agricultural festival and the emphasis was placed mostly on the giving of the Torah. *Shavu'ot* was re-named *Chag Matnat Torateinu*—the Festival of the Giving of the Law. Today, especially outside of Israel, the emphasis still remains on the giving of the Torah. In many communities it is traditional to have an all-night study session, called *Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot*, on the night before the festival. The synagogue is decorated with greenery, according to a tradition that claims that Mount Sinai was especially green when the Torah was given. The synagogue liturgy includes special poems, special readings from the Torah and reciting the Book of Ruth.

For us, in a Messianic synagogue, the book of Ruth is especially meaningful because of its connection of a Gentile woman to the line of the Messiah. We remember how that in 30 CE, the *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Holy Spirit) was poured out on the waiting disciples in the Upper Room. That *Shavu'ot*, called Pentecost in Greek, launched the beginning of the body of Messiah. This is a world-wide group of Jews and Gentiles united by the love of Messiah and working together to further a harvest of spiritual fruit.