

PRAYER 6/27/2026

- Please pray that the US and Israel would complete the mission they started 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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

6/11 – Marise Huckabay; 6/11 – Joanne Espinet; 6/13 – Darius Steward
6/15 – Rosemary Young; 6/16 – Debora Brown; 6/22 – Ashton Kanski
6/28 – Bill Preussner; 6/30 – Michelle Villalba

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/12 – Karen Clark; 7/16 – Mary Lawson (formerly Schmitt); 7/19 – Sophia Katz
7/21 – Vera Katz

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

6/5 – David & Jessica Katz; 6/19 – Bob and Barb Delong

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

7/8 – Greg and Gail Horstman; 7/29 – Zachary and Carolyn Sechler

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!

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June 27, 2026

12 Tammuz, 5786

Chukat – Balak חקת - בלק

READINGS:

Torah: Numbers 19:1-25:9

Haftarah: Judges 11:1-33; Micah 5:6-6:8

Brit Chadasha (New Testament): John 3:10-21; 1 Corinthians 1:20, 31

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Isaiah 41:8-10

Message: "Isaiah's Greatest Hits! The Servant Songs" ..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.

TORAH TIDBITS

Learning to Follow the Leader

What do we do when the L-rd gives us instructions that don't seem to fit our ideas? Do we ignore the L-rd's instructions and go our own way, or do we follow, in simple, childlike faith and obey the L-rd? These chapters in Numbers give us both kinds of examples: obedience based on faith and disobedience.

One of the more controversial episodes is the time when Moses disobeyed the L-rd (Numbers 20:9-11). The L-rd instructed Moses to speak to the rock and command water to come out. Instead, Moses lifted his staff and hit the rock twice. Water came gushing out of the rock and the people of Israel (all 2 million of them) had their thirst quenched. Moses' action does not seem particularly "sinful." Why did the L-rd get so angry that He punished Moses by forbidding him from coming into the land of Canaan?

Many Biblical scholars connected Moses' action to Yeshua's death. When Moses struck the rock earlier (Exod. 17:5-7), his action symbolized Yeshua being struck (i.e., dying on the cross). Just as Yeshua could only die once, the rock could only be struck once. This is an interesting explanation, but is this what the Word is really saying?

First of all, we need to examine the L-rd's response: "...you did not trust in Me enough to honor Me as holy in the sight of the Israelites...", (20:12). The L-rd explains that this was a faith issue on the part of Moses. He had seen that striking the rock "worked" before, so perhaps he lacked the faith to trust that just speaking would cause water to come gushing out of the rock. After being pushed to the limit, it's understandable that Moses would break out in anger. Yet, Moses was the L-rd's representative (i.e., leader) and he should not have allowed his anger to distract him from following the L-rd's instructions. Psalm 106:33 supports the view that part of the problem was Moses' rash words (v.10): "...must we bring you water out of this rock?"

The people of Israel were guilty of sin in their words of unbelief, (Num. 20:2-5) so the L-rd wanted to show what the power of words, His words, could do. He wanted Moses to speak G-d's words in this situation and demonstrate to Israel how powerful His words are ("honor Me as holy..."). Our challenge, as Yeshua's disciples, is to learn to follow Him. Even in cases where we have a hard time following Him, we need to remember that our heavenly Father knows best...