

PRAYER 7/11/2026

- Please pray for Joy H. as she works through rehabilitation from post-surgery complications.
- 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 Lawson
Samuel – Son of Ed and Stephanie Gonzalez

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/12 – Karen Clark; 7/16 – Mary Lawson (formerly Schmitt); 7/19 – Sophia Katz
7/21 – Vera Katz; 7/30 – Emma Sechler

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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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

July 11, 2026

26 Tammuz, 5786

Matot - Masei מטות - מסעי

READINGS:

Torah: Numbers 30:2-36:13

Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Matthew 5:33-37; James 4:1-12

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Isaiah 50:4-11

Message: "Walking in the Light of His Fire"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 Draw and Shoot—Slowly

There are a lot of nuggets in this combined portion, but we will look at one—making vows. The instructions given here seem a bit strange until we translate them into today's terminology. The issue on the table is making promises to the L-rd, and by extension, to each other.

The Torah here refers to a person who has just emerged from a traumatic experience—grave illness, life-threatening danger. Like a foxhole atheist, most of us turn to the L-rd in times of need—we have nowhere else to turn. In our desperation we often make promises to the L-rd, prodded by the need of the moment: "L-rd, if you get me out of this fix, I'll give myself completely to serve you; I'll give more, I'll serve more..." What happens after the storm clears and we are back on easy street? Our memory fades—we forget our desperation, our earnest pleading with the L-rd and we rationalize our not following through on this promise. The L-rd speaks of two types of vows here—positive (*neder* - referring to promises to do something) and negative (*issar* - referring to promises to abstain from something, like the Nazarite vows in Numbers 6:1-21).

The encouragement to the person making a vow is "he must not break his word but must do everything he said," (30:2, NIV). There are two aspects to the sin of breaking one's vow—relating to G-d and to oneself. Firstly, a promise made to the L-rd and not kept is nothing less than a slap in G-d's face—tremendous disrespect to G-d and His authority over us. It's as if we take G-d very lightly. King Solomon exhorts us to remember that the only intelligent response to G-d is to "stand in awe of G-d" (Ecclesiastes 5:1-6).

Secondly, we slam ourselves and our own character and reputation when we make promises to G-d and do not keep them. The Hebrew phrase here is literally "profane your word," which is the same kind of language used of slinging mud on G-d's reputation. The Torah challenges us to keep our word so that we don't end up looking like shiftless people who lack integrity.

The Torah makes a special provision for us when we are under someone else's authority. If they uphold our vows/commitment, we are obligated to follow through on our vows, but if they direct us to act differently, the L-rd views us as being released from our promises.