

PRAYER 7/4/2026

- Please pray for Joy H. as she recovers from a surgery followed by 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 4, 2026

19 Tammuz, 5786

Pinchas פנחס

READINGS:

Torah: Numbers 25:10-30:1

Haftarah: I Kings 18:46-19:21, (if Rosh Kodesh, Jeremiah 1:1-2:3)

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Romans 11:2-32

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Isaiah 49:1-7

Message: "The Empowered Servant"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

Crazy About G-d's Honor and Reputation

The scene in the Torah portion today doesn't play well on our modern stage. (Actually, the episode with Pinchas (Phinehas) starts in last week's portion). Here's a wild-eyed fanatic clutching a spear, stalking a couple of lovers, following them to the man's tent and skewering them with his spear as they are in love's embrace. What's more, the L-rd finds his action so praiseworthy that He holds it up as a model for all to follow (Numbers 25:7-8). We don't get it, at first.

What's going on here? Let's follow the strands of the action (25:1-6). The Moabites sent their young women to invite the men of Israel to a celebration in honor of their god Baal. This was not an ordinary party, but was more like an orgy sanctioned by the religion of the Moabites. They offered sacrifices to Baal, then ate, drank, and paired off with the Moabite women (31:17 supports this view). The L-rd's reaction? He was burning hot—the men of Israel committed adultery against their wives, but the worst part of it, they committed adultery against Him by worshiping Baal. The L-rd declared that these men should die for their sin.

The entire community of Israel is gathered around the tent of the meeting, weeping, and who comes strolling by? Zimri, the son of a leading family of the Simeonites, walking hand in hand with his Midianite mistress Cozbi, on their way to his tent. Do you get the picture? Zimri was thumbing his nose at the G-d of Israel and showing gross insensitivity to the loss that Israel was about to experience (24,000 men to be exact). There is another major issue here: Pinchas was zealous for G-d's honor among the people of Israel.

Let's put it in human terms for a minute. The L-rd felt the way a husband or a wife feels when their spouse flaunts a love affair in their face—extreme shame and anger. We don't need to go to the extreme that Pinchas did—we better not plan on skewering anyone. Yet, we need to imitate his attitude of concern for the L-rd's honor.

If we truly love the L-rd, can we remain indifferent when the L-rd has to suffer shame by His bride's behavior? There are many people running around, claiming to be believers who live like the Midianites in Pinchas' time, and who bring much shame to the L-rd's reputation. In other words, because of them, the L-rd looks ridiculous. G-d may or may not lead us to confront them. In the very least, we must guard our own lives so that we bring honor to the L-rd, and not shame.