

PRAYER 8/1/2026

- Please pray for Stephanie G.'s family as they mourn the passing away of Stephanie's mother.
- 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/21 – Brian Hamilton; 8/22 – Carolee Denning; 8/28 – Lynda Zimms
8/30 – Tracy Kirscher

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/4 – Bill & Tracy Kirscher; 8/16 – Floyd & Lynda Zimms; 8/19 Reed and Carole Sundine; 8/27 – Ed & Stephanie Gonzales

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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Previously recorded Shabbat messages: <https://www.youtube.com/c/YeshuatTsion/videos>

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CONGREGATION YESHUAT TSION

August 1, 2026

18 Av, 5786

Ekev עקב

READINGS:

Torah: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Brit Chadashah (New Testament): Rom. 8:31-39, Hebrews 11:8-13

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Prayer

Praise and Worship in Music

Torah Service

Scripture:Psalm 27:1-14

Message: "Return to Worship"Michael Lang

Aaronic Blessing

At Congregation Yeshuat Tzion, we purpose to:

- WORSHIP THE LORD through the culture of Biblical Judaism and when applicable, incorporate practices from traditional Judaism. Above all, we want our worship to be YESHUA CENTERED.
- ESTABLISH A NURTURING COMMUNITY OF FAITH – A congregational family where each person is encouraged to grow into maturity in the Lord and serve according to his or her spiritual gifts.
- RAISE AND MENTOR THE NEXT GENERATION of young people to follow Yeshua and to care deeply for God's restoration in Israel.
- REACH OUT TO ALL PEOPLE WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF YESHUA, with special emphasis on the unaffiliated JEWISH COMMUNITY of greater Denver.
- REACH OUT TO FELLOW BELIEVERS, teaching them the Jewish roots of our faith and equipping them, sensitively, to share Yeshua with their Jewish friends.

TORAH TIDBITS

Where Are You Looking?

The Torah portion (*sedra*) sounds a bit like a parent saying to a child: "YOO HOO, are you listening?" Moses seems to be saying to Israel over and over again: "Listen closely!" The issue here is not the ability to hear G-d's Word, but to listen with a receptive heart, [i.e., act on it]. After 40 years in the desert, Israel did not have a great track record for obedience, and the nation had been disciplined by the L-rd because of its disobedience. So, it's understandable why a message of hope also needs to be woven into Moses' charge to Israel. Here, as the nation is facing the prospect of crossing into Canaan and battling with the giants, it is very insecure. The people are thinking: "How can we conquer these people when we are so puny (7:17-18)?"

Moses does not argue with the people and say to them: "You are wrong! We are a nation of 2 million people, with 600,000 fighting men. We should have no problem defeating them." Instead, he challenges them to take their eyes off themselves and on to the L-rd. Moses reminds them of the spectacular power the L-rd displayed in delivering them time and time again. He also challenges them to remember what kind of G-d they serve: "...the L-rd your G-d, who is among you, is great and awesome" (7:21).

We at Yeshuat Tzion find ourselves in a similar situation. We are not a large congregation, so it is easy for us to sink into unbelief when we look around and wonder: "Can we make a significant impact upon our community?" Or, we may battle with unbelief when it comes to our own individual circumstances—"Can G-d really help me to overcome my weaknesses so that my life will make a significant difference, for Him? We need to take Moses' words and apply them to our situations.

Like Israel, we need to lift our eyes off ourselves and onto the L-rd. The L-rd is the One who has given us a call to serve Him—as a congregation and as individuals. Like Israel, we need to follow the L-rd in obedience, step by step. The L-rd is not promising to us, any more than He did to Israel, that the process would be instantaneous. In fact, He did say that we would have to fight, but that He is the One that would give us the victory. Let us remember that "faithful is He who has called us, who will also perform it," (I Thessalonians 5:24).