



# ADAT HATIKVAH Messianic Synagogue

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Thorn Prayer  
Rabbi Jacob Rosenberg PhD



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## ADAT IS...

Reflecting the Jewishness of Yeshua

A House of Prayer for all Nations

Centered on the Biblical Calendar

Spirit-filled blended worship made up of contemporary music and liturgy

A congregation of people who are discovering who we are, becoming who we are created to be, and investing in God's kingdom.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

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## TODAYS READINGS

**Torah:** Lev 1:1-5

**Haf:** Eze 45:16-20

**B'rit:** Hebrews 13:10-16

The book of 2 Corinthians gives us insight into Rabbi Paul, the divisions that develop among congregations, and the commitment we should have to one another. In this chapter Paul finds that he has been misunderstood and that defending himself isn't working.

II Cor 12:1-6 I do not wish to boast

II Cor 12:7-10 Thorn in the flesh

II Cor 12:11-13 Forgive me

II Cor 12:14-21

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### **Growth Group study questions:**

**Read 2 Cor 12:1-6; 2 Cor 13:4,**

- Do you boast about your spirituality?
- Do you compare to others?

**Read 2 Cor 12:7-10**

- Do you have anything that reminds you you are weak?
- Have you prayed to remove it?
- How has God's power been made perfect in your weakness?

**Read 2 Cor 12:11-13**

- In trying to be strong, are people confused and don't realize you are only strong because of the Power of God?
- Is there anyone you need to apologize to for the misunderstanding?

**Read 2 Cor 12:14-20**

- Have you been misunderstood?
- Do people know what your concerns are and what you are asking them to do?

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## Current Growth Groups

### Prayer/Affinity Grayslake, IL

Carmen P.

Tuesdays 6:30 PM (Weekly)

### Prayer/Affinity Adat Hatikvah Zoom

Wednesdays 7:00 PM (Weekly)

### Sermon Discussion Highland Park, IL

Zach & Tamar R.

Thursdays 7:00 PM (Bi-Weekly)

### Sermon Discussion Skokie

Sandi D in (Women Only)

Saturdays 6:30 PM (1st & 3rd Sat of month)

### Torah Club: Adat Zoom

Evy R, Neal S, Heather R, Cornwells

Saturdays 1:00pm (Weekly)

### Hayesod Zoom

Contact [debra.stackhouse@adathatikvah.org](mailto:debra.stackhouse@adathatikvah.org) for more information

Wednesdays 6pm Online (Weekly)

### Looking to start a growth group?

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Our National Prayer focus this week: **Switzerland**

Continent: Europe Capital City: Bern Population: 7,604,467

Major People Groups: 78% Swiss German, 22% Foreign Religion: 86% Christian, 8% Non, 3% Muslim

Language: German/French/Italian

UNREACHED: 19.2%

Jewish Population: 18,600

#### PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and reformation of the Church.
- Pray for the barriers of apathy, wealth, and vague religiosity to be overcome by a deep hunger for God.
- Pray for the Swiss to become spiritually rich and a blessing to the world.
- Pray this nation will have a heart for Israel and Jewish People

#### SUMMARY

The breathtaking majesty of the Alps, stunning blue lakes, historic medieval cities, and pastoral farming communities combine to give Switzerland its world-renowned natural beauty that draws admirers from around the world. Over 700 years of history as a nation only magnifies its allure. German, French, Italian, and Romansch are all official languages. Linguistic and cultural diversity are accentuated by the distinctions between life in the mountain valleys and the densely populated cities. Today it is home to the highest proportion of foreign residents of any major state in Europe.

Founded in 1291, Switzerland is one of the world's oldest existing republics. Its position in central Europe and its centuries-old neutrality have allowed the nation to become one of the wealthiest in the world, with one of the highest per person incomes. The successful and industrialized economy is largely based on trade, tourism, and banking. Pressure from the European Union (EU) and the United States has forced historically secretive Swiss banks to share account details in order to combat tax evasion. Switzerland has long retained a strong and unique commitment to neutrality, even throughout two world wars waged around it. Its system of direct democracy, where citizens have more power than in a representative model, is unparalleled in any other country. Though it is one of the few countries in western Europe to not join the EU, Switzerland maintains treaties that allow for the free movement of goods, services, capital, and people. This has led to a rapid growth in population, making it difficult to regulate the influx of immigrants that now make up a quarter of the population.

Switzerland's rich Christian heritage is represented by great reformers such as Ulrich Zwingli, the father of the Swiss Reformation, and John Calvin. Historically, this nation was greatly divided between Catholicism and Protestantism. Immigration has led to an increase in many other religions such as Islam (6%), as well as 15% who claim no religion at all. The cultural norms of wealth, spiritual indifference, and vague religious commitment have all greatly hindered the Church, leaving very few who have a Biblical understanding of Christianity. Many youth are experimenting with eastern religions and even the Occult. Both Catholic and Reformed churches face decline amid increasingly liberal theology. Yet active movements for renewal exist, and a fresh commitment to evangelism is growing. Vibrant youth ministries and evangelical churches are working hard to adapt to a changing culture and better reach those disinterested in traditional models of the institutional church.