



Carnegie Shul Chatter

October 12, 2023



Light candles 6:25pm

No Services This Week

**There will be no services
this Saturday, October 14.**

**We will resume with Zoom
only services on October 21
and 28.**

Pray for Israel

The horrific attack on Israel by Hamas this week with the barbaric slaughtering of innocent civilians cannot, in any way, shape, or form be justified or rationalized. I cannot write an inspirational sidebar this week. I can only ask that Hashem remember his covenant with the Jewish people and with Israel and that He protects the people of Israel and those who are now fighting in her defense.

Please recite the Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel (next page) daily and pray for the wellbeing of all of our Israeli brothers and sisters.

Prayer for the Welfare of the State of Israel

“Our Father Who art in Heaven, Protector and Redeemer of Israel, bless Thou the State of Israel which marks the dawn of our deliverance. Shield it beneath the wings of Thy love. Spread over it Thy canopy of peace; send Thy light and Thy truth to its leaders, officers, and counselors, and direct them with Thy good counsel.

“O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

“Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy servant Moses: ‘Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it.’

“Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name, and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all.” **Amen.**

Hatikva

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,

With eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion,

Then our hope - the two-thousand-year-old hope - will not be lost:

To be a free people in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.



Kol ode balevav P'nimah -

***Nefesh Yehudi homiyah
Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah
Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah.***

***Ode lo avdah tikvatenu
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim:***

***L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu -
Eretz Tzion v'Yerushalayim.***

Bereishit in a Nutshell

From Chabad.org

Genesis 1:1–6:8

The name of the Parshah, “Bereishit,” means “In the beginning” and it is found in Genesis 1:1.

G-d creates the world in six days. On the first day He makes darkness and light. On the second day He forms the heavens, dividing the “upper waters” from the “lower waters.” On the third day He sets the boundaries of land and sea, and calls forth trees and greenery from the earth. On the fourth day He fixes the position of the sun, moon and stars as timekeepers and illuminators of the earth. Fish, birds and reptiles are created on the fifth day; land animals, and then the human being, on the sixth. G-d ceases work on the seventh day, and sanctifies it as a day of rest.

G-d forms the human body from the dust of the earth, and blows into his nostrils a “living soul.” Originally Man is a single person, but deciding that “it is not good that man be alone,” G-d takes a “side” from the man, forms it into a woman, and marries them to each other.

Adam and Eve are placed in the Garden of Eden, and commanded not to eat from the “Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.” The serpent persuades Eve to violate the command, and she shares the forbidden fruit with her husband. Because of their sin, it is decreed that man will experience death, returning to the soil from which he was formed, and that all gain will come only through struggle and hardship. Man is banished from the Garden.

Eve gives birth to two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain quarrels with Abel and murders him, and becomes a rootless wanderer. A third son, Seth, is born to Adam; Seth’s eighth-generation descendant, Noah, is the only righteous man in a corrupt world.



Haftorah in a Nutshell

Isaiah 42:5-21.

The haftorah of this week’s reading opens with a statement by “the Almighty G-d, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who laid out the earth and made grow from it.” This echoes the Torah portion’s recounting of the creation of the world in six days.

G-d speaks to the prophet Isaiah, reminding him of his life’s purpose and duty, namely that of arousing the Jewish people to return to being a light unto the nations, “To open blind eyes, to

bring prisoners out of a dungeon; those who sit in darkness out of a prison.”

The prophecy continues with a discussion regarding the Final Redemption, and the song that all of creation will sing to G-d on that day. G-d promises to punish all the nations that have persecuted Israel while they were exiled. The prophet also rebukes Israel for their errant ways, but assures them that they will return to the correct path and will be redeemed.

Rabbi Schiff October 17 Program

Content to be more timely

The Western PA small congregations program scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 7pm, features Rabbi Danny Schiff, Gefsky Community Scholar at the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. His topic is the Situation in Israel.

When originally planned, the theme was to be the internal situation in Israel. Now tragic events have shifted the focus. It will be a time of learning but also a time of solidarity for the people of Israel.

Please register [HERE](#). Once you have registered, you will receive the Zoom link.

We pray that Israel will soon prevail and that healing and recovery will be shared by all Jews (and friends of Israel) here in the Diaspora with our brothers and sisters in Israel.

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