



October 9-10, 2026

כ"ח - כ"ט תשרי תשפ"ז

Candlelighting: 6:14 PM

Shabbat Erev Rosh Chodesh (Machar Chodesh)

Parashat Bereishit (בראשית) Genesis 1:1-6:8

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Haftarah – I Samuel 20:18-42

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Kiddush is sponsored by the congregation
with additional treats provided by
Allen & Nancye Gliner in honor of Allen's 80th birthday

Shabbat ends: 7:12

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Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Shabbat - 9:30 AM

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On This Week's Torah Portion - Bereshit

There are two types of cultures: shame cultures and guilt cultures. In shame cultures the highest value is honour. In guilt cultures it is righteousness. Shame means feeling bad that we have failed to live up to the expectations others have of us. Whereas guilt is what we feel when we fail to live up to what our own conscience demands of us. Shame cultures are usually visual. Shame itself has to do with how you appear in other people's eyes. Guilt is much more internal. You cannot escape it by becoming invisible. Your conscience accompanies you wherever you go, regardless of whether you are seen by others. Guilt cultures are cultures of the ear, not the eye.

The story of the first sin in the Garden of Eden is all about appearances, shame, vision, and the eye. The serpent says to the woman, "God knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Bereishit 3:5). It was the appearance of the tree that the Torah emphasises: "The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and desirable to the eyes, and that the tree was attractive as a means to gain intelligence" (3:6). The key emotion in the story is shame. Before eating the fruit, the couple were "naked... but unashamed" (2:25). After eating it they feel shame and seek to hide. The sin of the first humans in the Garden of Eden was that they followed their eyes, not their ears. Their actions were determined by what they saw, the beauty of the tree, not by what they heard, namely the word of God commanding them not to eat from it.

Judaism is a religion of listening, not seeing. Listening is the sacred task. The most famous command in Judaism is Shema Yisrael, "Listen, Israel." What made Avraham, Moshe, and all the prophets different from their contemporaries was that they heard the Voice that to others was inaudible. In one of the great dramatic scenes of the Bible, God teaches Eliyahu that He is not to be found in the whirlwind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in the "still, small voice" (Melachim I 19:12). It takes training, focus, and the ability to create silence in the soul to learn how to listen, whether to God or to a fellow human being. Seeing shows us the beauty of the created world, but listening connects us to the soul of another, and sometimes to God as He speaks to us, calls to us, summoning us to our task in the world.

If I were asked how to find God, I would say: Learn to listen. Listen to the song of the universe in the call of birds, the rustle of trees, the crash and heave of the waves. Listen to the poetry of prayer, the music of the Tehillim. Listen deeply to those you love and who love you. Listen to the words of God in the Torah and hear them speak to you. Listen to the debates of the Sages through the centuries as they tried to hear the texts' intimations and inflections. Don't worry about how you or others look. The world of appearances is a false world of masks, disguises, and concealments. Listening is not easy. I confess I find it formidably hard. But listening alone bridges the abyss between soul and soul, self and other, I and the Divine.

Shabbat Shalom,
Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks zt"l.

Tributes In Honor Of...

Jean Estrin being honored by JCRC

Ellis Frohman
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Refuah shleimah to Chris Brown

Maureen & Ira Brodsky
Ellis Frohman

Refah shleimah to Neal Neuman

Ellis Frohman

Steve Puro's Bar Mitzvah Anniversary

Ellis Frohman
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Mazal Tov to Ophira & Jeff Melnick on the marriage

of Noga & Jack Ross

Ellis Frohman
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Sherri Lopatin

Happy birthday to: Anne Brown

Alan & Vilma Levi
Dina & Morty Rinder

Mazal Tov to Benjamin Singer and Sarah Sherer-Kohlburn on the birth of a son

Marcia & Mauricio Lisker

Happy anniversary to Marcia & Mauricio Lisker

Alan & Vilma Levi

Mazal tov to Christy & Phil Brick on the birth of their 8th granddaughter

Ellis Frohman
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Mazal tov to Vilma & Alan on their 65th anniversary

Marcia & Mauricio Lisker
Carol Max

Appreciation to Rabbi Gordon

Revi & Akiva Belk

In honor of Allen Gliner's 80th birthday

Nancye & Allen Gliner

Refuah sh'leimah for Ian Deitch

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Appreciation to Marian & Rabbi Gordon

Maureen Brodsky
Robbyn & Michael Roth
Traude & Gary Wilson

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Happy Anniversary to: Traude & Gary Wilson, Nikki & Paul Goldstein, Louise & Mel Saltzman, Susan & Stuart Boxerman, Muriel & Randy Zimring, Mimi & Marty Levy, Joyce & Richard Becker, Marilyn & Marty Levison, Nancy & Gary Feldman, Dina & Morty Rinder, Nancye & Allen Gliner, Florence & Joe Schachter, Mary & Sandy Pomerantz, Rabbi & Marian Gordon, Alayna & Gary Lerner, Francine & Joel Schraier, Dikla & Steve Roufa, Caryn & Zumi Brody, Erika & Stan Greenberg

Annette & Jack Heller

Tributes In Honor Of...

Happy birthday to: Kathy Green, Susie Lippmann, Revi Belk, Julie Rosenbluth, Ophira Melnick, Zumi Brody, Alex Levy, Jack Heller, Ilan Brody, Spencer Levison, Richard Becker, Jules Stiber, Stan Greenberg, Stephen Rosenberg, Anne Brown, Sam Ockner, Mel Weinberg, Arlene Fox, Daniel Kweskin, Pamela Neuman, Sherri Lopatin, Bettina Weinberg, Muriel Zimring, Joan Stiber, Marty Bell, Paul Goldstein, Michael Roth, Morty Rinder, Rosemary Cooper, Ceil Tobin, Elaine Farkas, Joe Ingram, Brigitte Rosenbluth, Daria Rosenbluth, Marilyn Levison, Noémi Neidorff, Barbara Mirowitz, Stuart Boxerman, Ron Green, Sondra Dobinsky, Ken Bohm, Hayley Lerner, Eric Farkas

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Annette & Jack Heller

Happy Anniversary to: Traude & Gary Wilson, Nikki & Paul Goldstein, Louise & Mel Saltzman, Susan & Stuart Boxerman, BelleAne & Andy Curry, Robbyn & Michael Roth, Muriel & Randy Zimring, Mimi & Marty Levy, Joyce & Richard Becker, Marilyn & Marty Levison, Nancy & Gary Feldman, Dina & Morty Rinder, Revi & Akiva Belk, Nancye & Allen Gliner, Forence & Joe Schachter, Mary & Sandy Pomerantz, Rita & Mark Weinstein, Marian & Rabbi Gordon, Annette & Jack Heller, Alayna & Gary Lerner, Francine & Joel Schraier, Dikla & Steve Roufa, Caryn & Zumi Brody, Donna & Alan Rosenberg, Marcia & Mauricio Lisker, Anat Reschke & Brad Fink, Erika & Stan Greenberg, Lisa Binowitz & Jay Englander, Susan & Benjamin Schwartz

Anne & Chris Brown

Condolences On the Passing Of...

Barbara Rinder, mother of Morty Rinder

Joyce & Richard Becker
Judy & Stan Becker
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Chris & Anne Brown
Shelah Feldman
Ellis Frohman
Annette & Jack Heller
Kevin Heuser
Sherri Lopatin
Carol Max
Ophira & Jeffrey Melnick
Alan & Donna Rosenberg
Steve & Dikla Roufa
Mindy Strauss
Mel & Bettina Weinberg
Mark & Rita Weinstein

Betty Weiss

Ellis Frohman

Tributes In Memory Of...

Gladys Portlock, Kate Bond

Revi & Akiva Belk

Sally Messite, Linda Bell

Marty Bell

Benita Boxerman, Maurice Abrams

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Mary Guilfooy, Irwin Brick, Meyer Komen, Dorothy Brick, Scott Mekler, Martin Brick, Jim Guilfooy

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Jean Kaplan, Lena Kaplan Mykoff, Zelda Kaplan,

Bernard Kaplan, Eleanor Levy, Elaine Levy,

Nathan Levy, Sophie Levy, Betty Kaplan

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Mimi & Marty Levy

Tributes In Memory Of...

Charles Comins, Michael Meisel, Hannah Rose Max, Max Camins, Ida Meisel

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5/14 - 10/7/2026

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Wed, 10/14 Francine Schraier
 Thurs, 10/15 April Levison
 Fri, 10/16 Sandy Friedman

Happy Anniversary to:

Wed, 10/14 Barbara & Sidney Levin - 36th

Refuah Sh'leimah to:

Stanley Becker (Shmuel Shlomo ben Mindel)
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 Darren Chervitz (Yehuda Meyer ben Sifka Gitel)
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 Louise Saltzman (Leah Fradel bat Malka)
 Bruce Schwartz (Hersh Ber Tzvi ben Zelda Tema)
 Joan Schwartz (Zelda Tema bat Gitel Reina)

The following yahrzeits are observed this week:

This Shabbat , 10/10	Betty Chapel, sister-in-law of Annabelle Chapel Mary Ellen Movshin, sister of Maureen Brodsky Ida Neuman, mother of Neal Neuman
Sunday, 10/11	Penny Goldenhersh, sister-in-law of Randy & Muriel Zimring
Monday, 10/12	Naomi Feldman, daughter of Shelah Feldman
Tuesday, 10/13	Julius Banner, father-in-law of Ellis Frohman Gwen Schapiro, mother of Barry Schapiro
Wednesday, 10/14	Fay Hack, aunt of Marvin Schneider Matthew Rosenberg, son of Donna & Alan Rosenberg and father of Nate and Stephen Rosenberg Jo Taub, sister of Nikki Goldstein
Friday, 10/16	Martha Reynolds, mother of Revi Belk
Next Shabbat , 10/17	Shirley Geeser, mother of Nikki Goldstein Jerome Gordon, father of Rabbi Gordon

*May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life
 and inspire us to noble and consecrated living.*

PRAYER

The spirit of humanity has awakened
and the soul of human beings has gone forth.

*Grant us the wisdom and the vision to comprehend the greatness of the
human spirit, that suffers and endures so hugely
for a goal beyond its own brief span.*

Grant us honor for our dead who died in the faith,
honor for our living who work and strive for the faith,
redemption and security for all captive lands and people.

*Grant us patience with the deluded and pity for the betrayed. And grant us
the skill and the valor that shall cleanse the world of oppression and the old
base doctrine that the strong must eat the weak because they are strong.*

Yet, most of all grant us harmony, not only for this day, but for all our years –
a harmony not of words, but of acts and deeds.

We are all of us children of the earth – grant us that simple knowledge.

If our siblings are oppressed, then we are oppressed.

If they are hungry, we hunger.

If they are without a place to live, we are homeless.

If they suffer disease, then we are ill.

If their freedom is taken away, our freedom is not secure.

*Grant us a common faith that all human beings shall know bread and peace –
that we shall know justice and righteousness, freedom and security, equal
opportunity and an equal chance to do our best, not only in our own lands,
but throughout the world.*

Stephen Vincent Benet – Adapted

THOUGHT FOR THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

The PURPOSE of life is to discover your gift.
The MEANING of life is giving your gift away.

David Viscott