

Hear O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul with all your might.
 Deuteronomy 6:4~5



This parsha, like the mezuzah, “contains” the Shema, the watchword of the Jewish faith. It also “houses” the words of the Ten Commandments (Ten `Words` in Hebrew). It is a parsha of LOVE, AHAVA!, as is all the Torah. It goes deep to the connection of God’s word and performing it in the land of Israel. Moses pleaded with God to enter the Promised Land, but alas he was shown the view but did not enter,. He told these words to the Children of Israel, a testament for us and our children as we read them this day!!

Yeshua tells us the greatest commandments are to LOVE the Lord with all our heart, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves (see *verses at right).

We are to teach His words diligently to our children, and our children’s children (Deut. 4:9, 6:4~9). That they may keep them and do them, and come to know and love the Lord. Speak of them when we sit in our homes and walk by the way! Let us pray them for our loved ones each and every day! Devarim, words, is also the root of the verb, “to speak”! Hearing and doing them is Life! I am thankful to my parents that even though we were not overly observant as a Jewish family, they taught me the Shema. I continued to say those words as a prayer every day of my life even in the many years that I turned away from God! When I returned to Him, I understood they truly are words of Life.

This week’s reading corresponds to Shabbat *Nachamu*, the Shabbat of Comfort (from Haftarah, Isaiah 40:1~). God is our great Comforter! Let us pray for our children and loved ones that He will shepherd them and restore their souls. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Praise

ADONAI is God—there is none besides Him.

Deuteronomy 4:35, Mark 12:32

Behold, the LORD God will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. Like a shepherd, He will tend His flock, In His arm He will gather the lambs in His arms, and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.

Isaiah 40:10~11

To whom then will you liken Me?
 That I would be his equal? says the Holy One.

Isaiah 40:25

One generation will praise Your works to another and declare Your mighty acts.

Psalms 145:4

Confession

Who can discern his errors?
 Cleanse me of hidden faults.

Psalms 19:13 (12)

Thanksgiving

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare among the people His deeds.

Psalms 9:10~11

* Matthew 22:35~40, Mark 12:28~34, Luke 10:27

Intercession

Pray according to scripture from the "Ten Words" and the Shema (Deuteronomy 5:6~19, 6:4~9) to keep and do all that ADONAI commands! May love Yeshua and keep all His commandments! (John 14:15).

I am ADONAI,’s God who brought out from the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

..... shall have no other gods before Me.

..... shall honor his/her father and mother.

..... shall love the LORD’s God with all his/her heart and all his/ her soul and all his/her strength.

The LORD is’s shepherd, he/she shall not want. He restores’s soul.

He guides in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

Psalm 23:1,3 (and all the Psalm 23!)



Teachers

So will know today and take to heart that the LORD, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.

Deuteronomy 4:39

Schools

Do you not know? Pray that school will know Him!

Have you not heard? Pray that school will hear Him!

Has it not been told to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? from Isaiah 40:21

Congregation

So there shall be one flock, one

Shepherd. John 10:16b

Israel

Comfort, O comfort My people, says your God. Speak kindly to Jerusalem and call out to her that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed. That she has received of the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of ADONAI, Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Isaiah 40:1~3

For if you confess with your mouth that *Yeshua* is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem— May those who love you be at peace! Psalm 122:6

Blessing to go

Shalom I leave you, My *shalom* I give you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid. John 14:27