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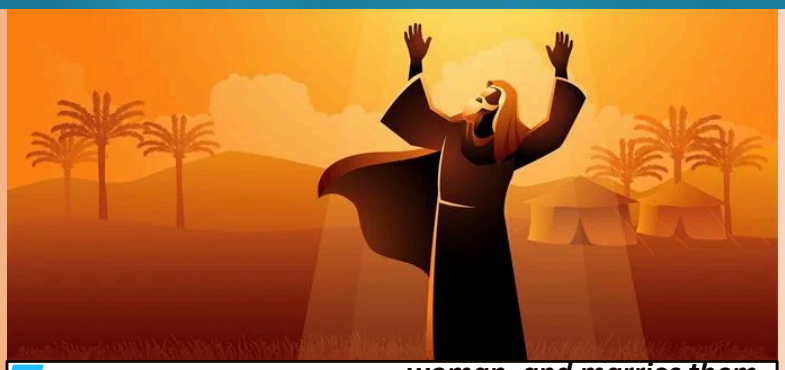
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BEREISHIT: In The Beginning ...



"Bereishit" in a Nutshell



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 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.

Learn: Bereishit in Depth
Browse: Bereishit Parshah Columnists
Prep: Devar Torah Q&A for Bereishit
Read: Haftarah in a Nutshell

TORAH GEMS

Great are His Deeds

"Great are the deeds of Hashem, accessible to all who want them." (Psalm 111:2)

It is paradoxical that although the deeds of HASHEM are great, even the simplest person can attain an awareness of His Omnipotence. All that is necessary is a genuine desire to find Him (Radak).

After a person studies the world from a Torah perspective, he finds such study to be the most sublime of all pleasures. As King Solomon said (Proverbs 8:11), For wisdom is better than pearls and all that can be desired cannot be compared to it (Rashi).

Adapted from Artscroll's "The Writings; Psalms" by Rabbi Nossom Scherman / Rabbi Gedaliah Zlotowitz, 2018, page 507-508.
Torah Gem Archives: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/torahtidbits

YIDDISH CORNER

LAKHN IZ GEZUNT. DOKTOYRIM HEYSN LAKHN.
Laughing is healthy. Doctors prescribe laughter.

A GELEKHTER HERT MEN VAYTER FUN A GEVEYN.
Laughter can be heard from further away than a cry.

A SHLIMAZL FALT OYFN RUKN UN TSEKLAPT ZIKH DI NOZ.
A shlimazl falls on his back and bruises his nose.

BESER A YID ON A BORD, EYDER A BORD ON A YID.
Better a Jew without a beard, than a beard without a Jew.

[Adapted from 15-Min Yiddish (Season 4 Episode 9)]

Remembering Heroes ...





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Stories of Heroes ...



13 Heroes of October 7th and the Aftermath

The worst of times brings out the best of our people.

By Bruria Efune

The worst of times brings out the best of our people.

The past years have been filled with torrents of heartbreak and trauma for the Jewish people, especially those in Israel. Yet, amidst the horrors, millions of lights shone in the hearts of our people as everyone stepped forward to do whatever they could to help.

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
Faculty of Arts
Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies

Jewish Studies Week Fall 2026

Monday, November 2-6

Regular Building Hours
Rutherford Library Atrium

Exhibit: *Unfinished Lives*

An exclusive North American showing of Bente Kahan's *Unfinished Lives*, an exhibition reflecting on European Jewish artists who, amid the horror of the Holocaust, continued to express themselves through literature, music, visual art, and performance.



Thursday, November 5

4-5:00 p.m. MT
T LB-1, Tory Lecture Building (Tory Turtle)

2026 Annual Toby & Saul Reichert Holocaust Lecture

Beyond Violence? Survivors' Returns to Poland after the Holocaust

Anna Cichopek-Gajraj, Arizona State University

About the Lecture

What did it mean for Jewish survivors to return "home" to Poland after the Holocaust? This is a familiar story: survivors returned to find their families murdered and their homes occupied, while facing their Polish neighbors' hostility, violence, or indifference. Yet these common postwar experiences do not tell the whole story. Although loneliness, pain, fear, and sorrow were palpable, survivors also exhibited resilience and creativity in their search for a new sense of belonging in their old country. They sought justice, entered schools and workplaces, and tried to recover some measure of normality in the shadow of the genocide. They often attempted to start new families and rebuild communities, succeeding in creating a vibrant, if brief and fragile, Jewish community in Lower Silesia. In all this, many hoped to find their permanent place in postwar Polish society, while others decided to leave; their decisions rarely immediate or obvious. Grounded in a rich historiography and illustrated with images from the period, this lecture reconstructs survivors' returns as an uncertain process of searching for home amid loss, fear, and hope.



Anna Cichopek-Gajraj is Associate Professor of History at Arizona State University. Her research focuses on the social history of Jewish survivors in Poland after the Holocaust. She is the author of Pogrom Żydów w Krakowie 11 sierpnia 1945 r. (Jewish Historical Institute, 2000) and Beyond Violence: Jewish Survivors in Poland and Slovakia, 1944–1948 (Cambridge University Press, 2014), which was a finalist for the 2016 Jordan Schnitzer Book Award and received an Honorable Mention for the 2015 Barbara Heldt Prize. In 2016, she was honored with the Shofar Zakhor Award for her work on Holocaust education in Arizona. Most recently, she co-edited, with Nina Paulovicova and Joanna Michlic, Shattered Liberation: Sexualized Violence against Holocaust Survivors, 1943–1946 (Purdue University Press, 2025). Currently, she is writing a book on the social and cultural history of gendered violence in postwar Poland (1945–1946).

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What's Happening in Edmonton ...



Registration is Required. Limited seating availability.

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Please join us for The Power of Small Conversations launch event on Wednesday, Oct 14th at 5:00 pm at the Beth Israel Synagogue (131 Wolf Willow Rd). The event concludes at 7:30 pm.
Livestream of an interesting panel discussion starts at 5:30 pm. (Livestream takes place in Toronto).

There will be a light dinner served.

After the dinner, we will hear from Ashley Kravetsky, a volunteer storyteller, and then we will have small group discussions about antisemitism.

https://www.shadowtheatre.org/

Recipe of the week ...

the nosher



21 Jewish Soup Recipes to Soothe Your Soul

Blues-beating broths.

Soup season is officially here, which is reason enough to put a pot on the stove. There is also something sweet, a kugel and a brisket for anyone planning beyond tonight

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-

B'nai Brith Canada and Jewish Law Students at Osgoode Release Joint Statement on Response to "Keffiyeh Week"

https://bnaibrith.ca/bnai-brith-canada-and-jewish-

Edmonton Police Service

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https://www.edmontonpolice.ca/ContactEPS/

Na'amat Edmonton Sukkah Hop ...



The Edmonton Chapter of Na'amat enjoyed a wonderful night of "Sukkah Hoppong" at Reisa Schecter and Leah Goldfold's sukkahs.

Fun times were had by all!

If you would like to join NA'AMAT ... visit

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KEY INFO
An event to hold civil conversations about how campus discourse has changed since October 7th.

October 14th, 2026
5:30pm reception | 6:30pm event starts
University of Alberta
Maple Leaf Room, Lister Centre

EVENT FORMAT

1. Video Presentation
2. Moderated Discussion
3. Open Q&A

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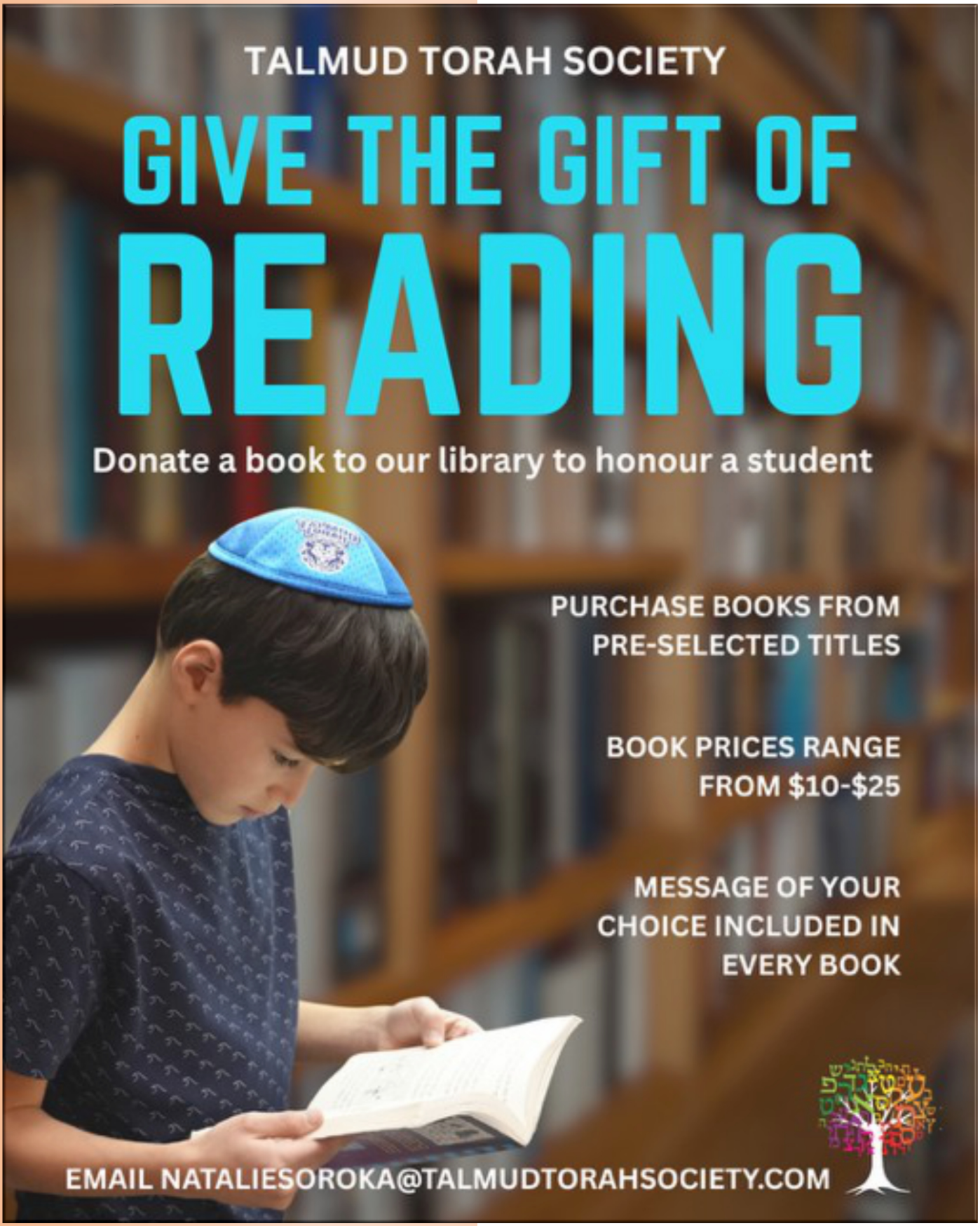
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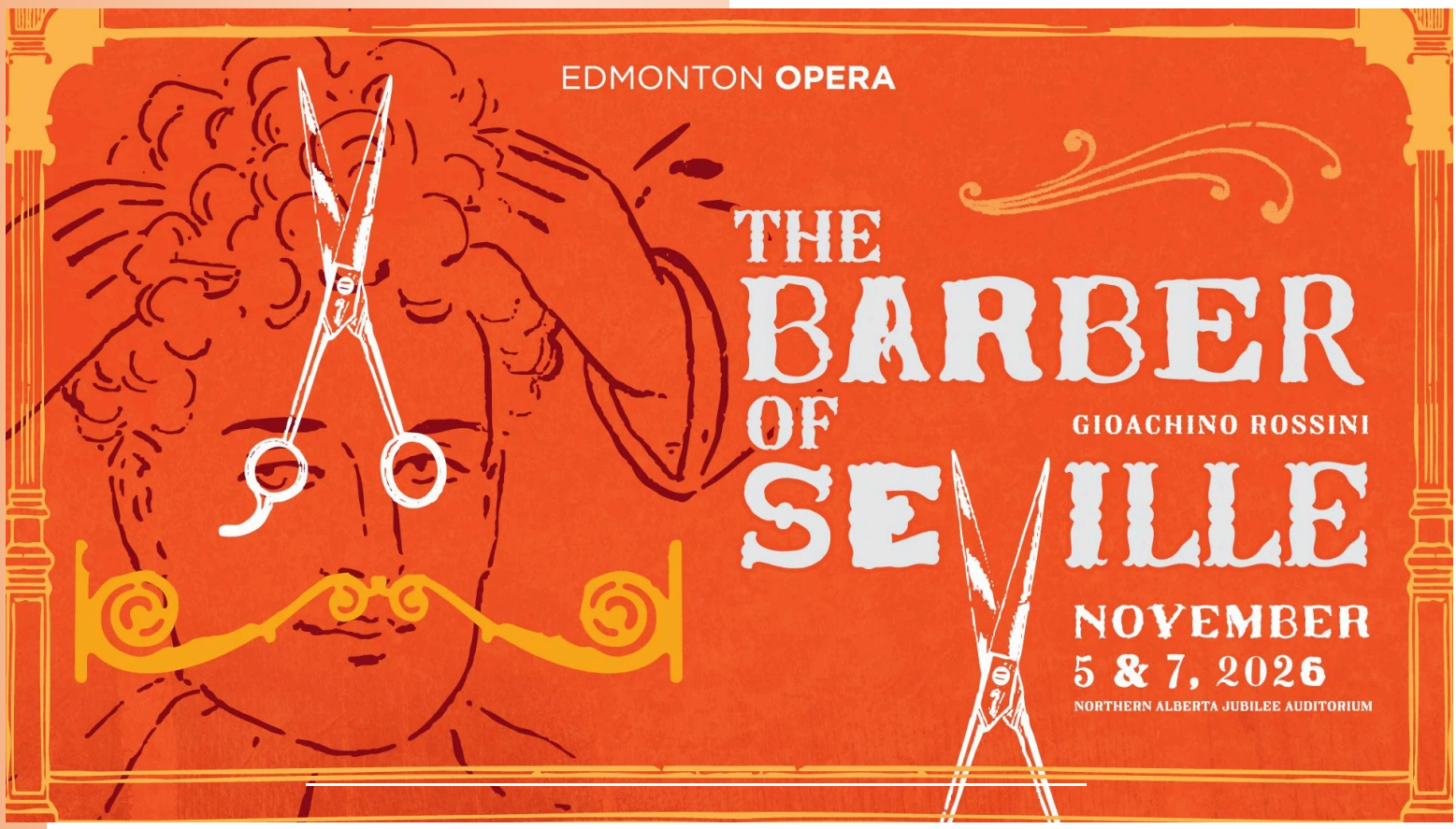
She's more than just a wicked old witch. Baba Yaga is a legend, usually known as that elderly woman who lives alone in the woods and grinds the bones of the wicked. But what if she was actually a sexy, smart, modern woman operating off of morally ambiguous motives?

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https://www.shadowtheatre.org/


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The Barber of Seville ...



Mainstage

The Barber of Seville

Composer: Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Librettist: Cesare Sterbini (1784-1831)

The Barber of Seville is opera at its most joyful; a fast-moving comedy where wit, music, and cleverness always stay one step ahead.

Nov 5, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Nov 7, 2026 - 7:30 PM

Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

In *The Barber of Seville*, a clever barber, a determined young woman, and a lovestruck count collide in a fast-moving comedy of disguises, secrets, and perfectly timed mischief.

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Great Shabbat recipes ...

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"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." It sounds so remarkably simple, yet it describes the creation of an infinitely complex universe. With these opening words of Parshat Bereshit, we begin our annual Torah cycle anew—tracing the journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fertility, and empty space to a world teeming with life.

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ELON GILAD

NOVEMBER 6-7, 2026

Columnist for *Haaretz*, Historian, Linguist

Elon Gilad writes on the Hebrew language and Jewish history for *Haaretz*, where his etymology column has been a fixture for over a decade. He is the author of *The Secret History of Judaism*.

His short-form videos on Hebrew, the Bible, and Jewish history reach more than 200,000 followers across YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok. He speaks regularly at synagogues and Jewish institutions across North America. He lives with his family in Modi'in, Israel.

WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:30 p.m. "The King, the Moon, and the Sabbath: How a Little-Known Babylonian Kind Accidentall Invented Judaism"
During Shabbat services

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
Meeting with Shabbat School students

10:30 a.m. – noon
D'var Torah during Services: "Chayyei Sarah: Lessons from the Words of the Parashah"
Temple Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Meeting with the Temple B'nai Tikvah Youth Group

7:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
"The Secret History of Hebrew: From the Bible to Balagan" (and Havdalah)





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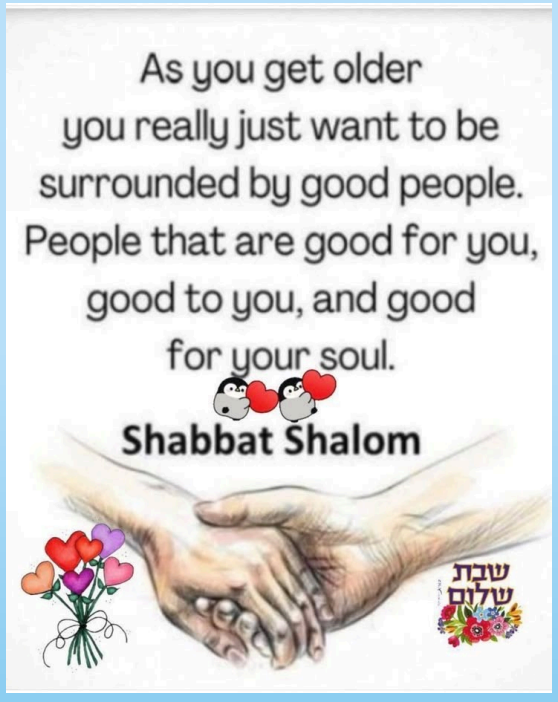
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