

On October 7th, 2023 the world shifted for Jews everywhere

As we come to the anniversary of that horrible day,
the Kaplan Center stands with you in pain and in hope.

Some of Kaplan's ideas to guide you

"The God of Israel is also the God of all mankind. We see on all sides conflicts between nations, between religions, between races. Nevertheless we hold to the faith that God intends mankind to be one. We believe that the day will come when God's law of justice, peace and brotherhood will prevail on earth and His unity will be manifest in the unity of mankind."

- *The High Holiday Prayerbook, Prayers for Rosh Hashannah, Vol I,*
Jewish Reconstructionist Foundation, 1948, page 136

"[The goals of Zionism should be] to reconstitute our peoplehood, reclaim our ancient homeland and revitalize our Jewish way of life. Each of these three objectives should be pursued with the end in view, both in Israel and in the Diaspora, of developing such interpersonal and intergroup relations as are likely to help us become more fully human. That is to be our religion and our mission."

- Mordecai Kaplan, *A New Zionism*, 1955

Here are tools to discover more about the situation, historically and emotionally, from our friends and partners, to use for yourselves, your children, your grandchildren and your friends. We hope these will take you to places of understanding.

- ["Kaplan and Israel: A New, New Zionism"](#)
- ["Kaplan, Reconstructionism, & Democracy"](#)
- ["Kaplan, Zionism, and Us"](#)
- [Israel Talmud Page with Commentary](#)

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May the POWER that makes for salvation inspire leadership throughout the world.
May CHANGE come to a land riddled with holiness,
May PEACE inspire us more than war.

