

SOURCEBOOK

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The American Zionist Movement is pleased to update for 2021-5782 and share once again the **American Zionist Shabbat** initiative. This project spans the period from Parshiot Lech Lecha (October 16/Cheshvan 10) to Vayishlach (November 20/Kislev 16), 2021-5782.

This material is intended to provide resources that synagogues, schools, and communal organizations can use to speak about Zionism during the period of the weekly Torah readings which establish the historic connection of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel.

Beginning in 2017 AZM re-launched a new annual **American Zionist Shabbat** initiative - Shabbat Tzion program - in order to encourage greater dialogue within American Jewry on the significance of Zionism and its continuing relevance to our people and community. We hope the commencement of Parshat Lech Lecha - the beginning of Abraham and Sarah's journey to what would become the Land of Israel - will inspire Rabbis to speak about Zionism in their sermons, drashot, and writings; day schools, yeshivot, and Hebrew schools to connect their students to Zionism through the Parshiot; and congregations, community organizations, and Jewish institutions to share materials through programs and discussions on Zionism.

AZM has compiled this sourcebook, drawn from materials developed and shared by our AZM organizations and others in order to provide a resource for conversations on Zionism during this period of **American Zionist Shabbat**. We will continue to grow and expand this guide and program through the years, and encourage others to share sources with us at azm@azm.org.

Since Theodor Herzl convened the first World Zionist Congress in Basel in 1897, Jews worldwide have been brought together by the discussion of Zionism. AZM is continuing this tradition to further advance Zionist discourse in the United States. We hope that our contribution will connect Jews with our homeland, continuing to support the culture and democracy that Israel imbues today. In the pages that follow please find online links to a plethora of Zionist content, including Shabbat in Israel, Divrei Torah, history and culture.

Please share, forward, and implement your own thoughts in celebration of Zionism and the **American Zionist Shabbat**. We thank the leaders of the AZM organizations and others who have contributed materials, ideas, and thoughts in developing the American Zionist Shabbat Sourcebook.

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How To Utilize the Zionist Shabbat Sourcebook

1. Materials - Through the wealth of sources, pick materials that best align with your needs and values. There are sources for weekly Torah portions as well as general Zionist materials.
2. Education Classes - In adult and youth classes, participants can discuss relevant topics and materials. This should be led by a community member who can facilitate these conversations.
3. On Shabbat - It is recommended that if your synagogue has a children's service or youth groups, the leaders include some of the attached games and activities to engage the children.
4. During the Week - Sources can be sent out to community members earlier in the week to better familiarize and learn before the discussions on Shabbat. Additionally, this year you can find Podcasts and Videos to engage members.
5. **Please see and continue to use the materials from the previous editions which are still relevant at the [AZM Zionist Shabbat website](#) for [2017 / 5778](#), [2018 / 5779](#), [2019 / 5780](#), [2020 / 5781](#). For "nostalgia" see the [Shabbat Zion materials from 1983](#).**

Shabbat & Zionism – Prayers and Sources

["Let's Start Davening" packet \(pdf\)](#) - World Zionist Organization Beit Ha'am

[Zion in the Sources: Yearning for Zion, covers Mitzvot, Prayers, and Tehillim \(pdf\)](#) - World Zionist Organization Education Department

[The Shabbat: Parashat HaShavua](#) - World Zionist Organization Chagim Center

[Shabbat and Zionism](#) - WZO Education Department's Chagim Center

[Shabbat Sources and Philosophy](#) - WZO Education Department

[On Giving a Sermon for Zionist Shabbat](#) Rabbi Paul Golomb, Past AZM VP for Programming

[D'var Torah- Zionism Shabbat](#) - Hadassah

[A Zionist Shabbat with Texts from The Zionist Ideas](#) - Professor Gil Troy

[Liturgical References to Zion: Packet](#) - Center for Israel Education

Parshiot – Weekly Torah Readings

[Parshat Lech Lecha – in the Footsteps of Avraham Avinu](#) - Nerya Meir, Head of Diaspora Department, World Zionist Organization

[Dvar Torah on Parshat Lech Lecha \(pdf\)](#) - Avraham Duvdevani, Past Chairman WZO

[From Yitzhak to Yitzhak](#) (Parashat Vayera) - WZO Beit Ha'am

[Lekh Lekha: The Promised Land, Then and Now](#), Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, AZM Past President also parsha [Sermon](#) and [Message](#)

[Parsha Calendar and Commentaries](#) - Union for Reform Judaism

[Lech Lecha, \(Bring the Day\)](#)

[Vayeira](#)

[Chayei Sarah](#)

[Toldot](#)

[Vayetzei](#)

[Vayishlach](#)

[Parshat HaShavua](#) - Religious Zionists of America - Mizrachi

Lech Lecha - [Go, and Know - The Modern Lech Lecha of Aliya](#)

Chayei Sarah - [Rabbi Menachem Leibtag - Israel between heaven and earth](#)

[HaMizrachi Magazine - Chayei Sarah](#)

[Shabbat Tzion \(pdf\)](#) - Israel Forever Foundation

[Parshat Lech Lecha \(pdf\)](#)

[Parshat Vayera \(pdf\)](#)

[Parshat Chayei Sarah \(pdf\)](#)

[Parshat Toldot \(pdf\)](#)

[Parshat Vayetzei \(pdf\)](#)

[Parshat Vayishlach \(pdf\)](#)

[The Greatest Love Story: Parashat Chayei Sarah](#) - Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt, Congregation B'nai Tzedek, Potomac, MD and Founder, Zionist Rabbinic Coalition

Zionist History Timeline

[Events and Personalities in the History of the Zionist Movement](#) - WZO

[Steps To Statehood Timeline \(pdf\)](#) - Israel Forever Foundation

Modern Zionism

[AZM's Statement of Principles of Zionism \(pdf\)](#)

[Living Zionism](#) - Mercaz Olami

Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael - Jewish National Fund

[Zionism Resources](#)

[Shmittah Year](#)

[Eco-Zionist Class Activities](#)

[Fun KKL-JNF Games on Israel and Zionism](#)

[I am a Zionist](#) - Professor Gil Troy (and [video](#))

[Brandeis on Zionism: A Collection of Addresses and Statements by Louis D. Brandeis \(pdf\)](#)

Reclaiming/Reviving Zionism

[The Alienation of Zionism \(pdf\)](#) - MERCAZ Olami

[Zionism - Reclaiming an Inspiring Word](#) - Rabbi Alan Silverstein, Masorti Olami

[Want Zionism To Survive? Keep It Simple \(pdf\)](#) - Tablet Magazine

[Time to Reclaim 'Zionism'\(pdf\)](#) - Jewish Week

[A Zionist Revival to Reclaim Zionism \(pdf\)](#) - Jerusalem Post

[It's time to reclaim the Z-word, Zionism \(pdf\)](#) - By Professor Gil Troy, JTA

[Jews must revive pride in the label 'Zionist'](#) - Pro. Gil Troy, Jerusalem Post

[What happened to Zionism \(pdf\)](#) - JTA

[Transcending our differences \(pdf\)](#) - eJewishPhilanthropy

Current state of Zionism

[Zionism: Asking, Exploring, Dreaming](#) - WZO Beit Ha'am Zionism Packet

[Zionism 101 \(pdf\)](#) - Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, AZM Past President

[What is Reform Zionism?](#) - ARZA/Union for Reform Judaism

[Defining Zionism Series](#) - Hadassah

[An Impenetrable Wall Between Progressivism and Zionism? \(pdf\)](#) - Ameinu

[The Zionist Story Of Abraham & Sarah in the Torah](#) - Herut North America

[Conversations on Zionism: Reclaiming the Narrative](#) - JNF-USA

[Teen Zionist Experience of a Lifetime \(pdf\)](#) - StandWithUs

[It's Zionism Month! Time to proudly say 'I am a Zionist' \(pdf\)](#)

Videos and Podcasts

Podcasts:

[The Branch podcast series](#) – Hadassah

The Evolution of American Zionism - Pardes/Elmad ([Part I](#)) ([Part II](#))

[Z3 Project](#)

Videos:

Divrei Torah from AZM 2021 National Zionism Conference

[Rabbi Rachael Klein Miller](#), Board Member of ARZA

[Rabbi Eytan Hammerman](#), Vice President of MERCAZ USA

[Dr. Ernest H. Agatstein](#), Co-President of RZA-Mizrachi

[Z TV: Zionism Studios](#) - JNF-USA

[What is Zionism](#) - OpenDor Media/Israel Unpacked

[Why I am a Zionist](#) - OpenDor Media