



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

BEREISHIT: NEW BEGINNINGS!

Bereishit - 'in the beginning...' This week's parasha is full of new beginnings. The beginning of the creation of the world, the first ever landscape, animals, birds, fish and of course people.

The **Torah** reminds us that beginnings are always important;

Havdalah marks the beginning of the week

Rosh Chodesh marks the beginning of the month

Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the year

We celebrate new life at birth

beginning of Jewish adulthood at **Bat/Bar Mitzvah**

Did you know that the Jewish day starts with nightfall and not at midnight? That's why **Shabbat** and **Chagim** always start the night before...

WHEN WE FINISH THE CYCLE OF TORAH READINGS WE DON'T CLOSE IT UP AND SAY, "OK, ALL FINISHED NOW!" INSTEAD WE CELEBRATE **SIMCHAT TORAH**, AND RIGHT AWAY WE RETURN STRAIGHT BACK TO THE BEGINNING BY READING THE PARASHA OF **BEREISHIT**. TORAH IS NEVER COMPLETED AND EVERY TIME WE READ OR STUDY IT WE CAN UNCOVER NEW DEPTHS AND NEW IDEAS THAT WE HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE.

and the beginning of a new relationship and family at a wedding.

JOIN US AS WE DIVE INTO THE **TORAH** AGAIN - WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DISCOVER THIS TIME?



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