

# A SHEMA KIND OF LOVE



# A BRAIDED PRAYER

**SH'MA YISRA'EIL ADONAI ELOHEINU ADONAI ECHAD...**  
(SHEMA IN HEBREW)

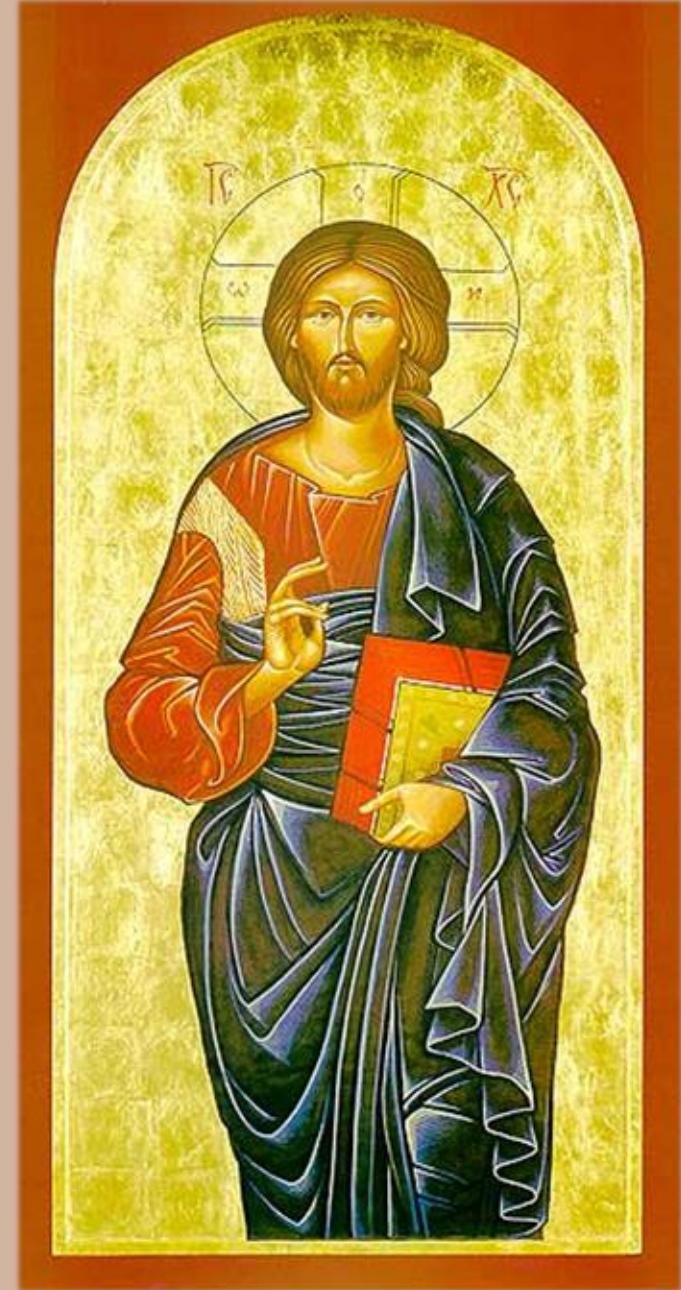
**PADRE NUESTRO QUE ESTÁS EN LOS CIELOS, SANTIFICADO  
SEA TU NOMBRE...**  
(LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH)

**BISMIL LAahir RAHMAANIR RAHEEM**  
(ISLAMIC PRAYER AL-FATIHA)



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# THE GREATEST AND FIRST COMMANDMENT



**“AND YESHUA SAID TO THEM, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE  
THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’  
THIS IS THE GREAT AND FIRST COMMANDMENT.  
AND THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: ‘LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR LIKE YOURSELF.’ ALL THE LAW AND  
THE PROPHETS HANG ON THESE TWO  
COMMANDMENTS.”**

MATTHEW 22:36-40

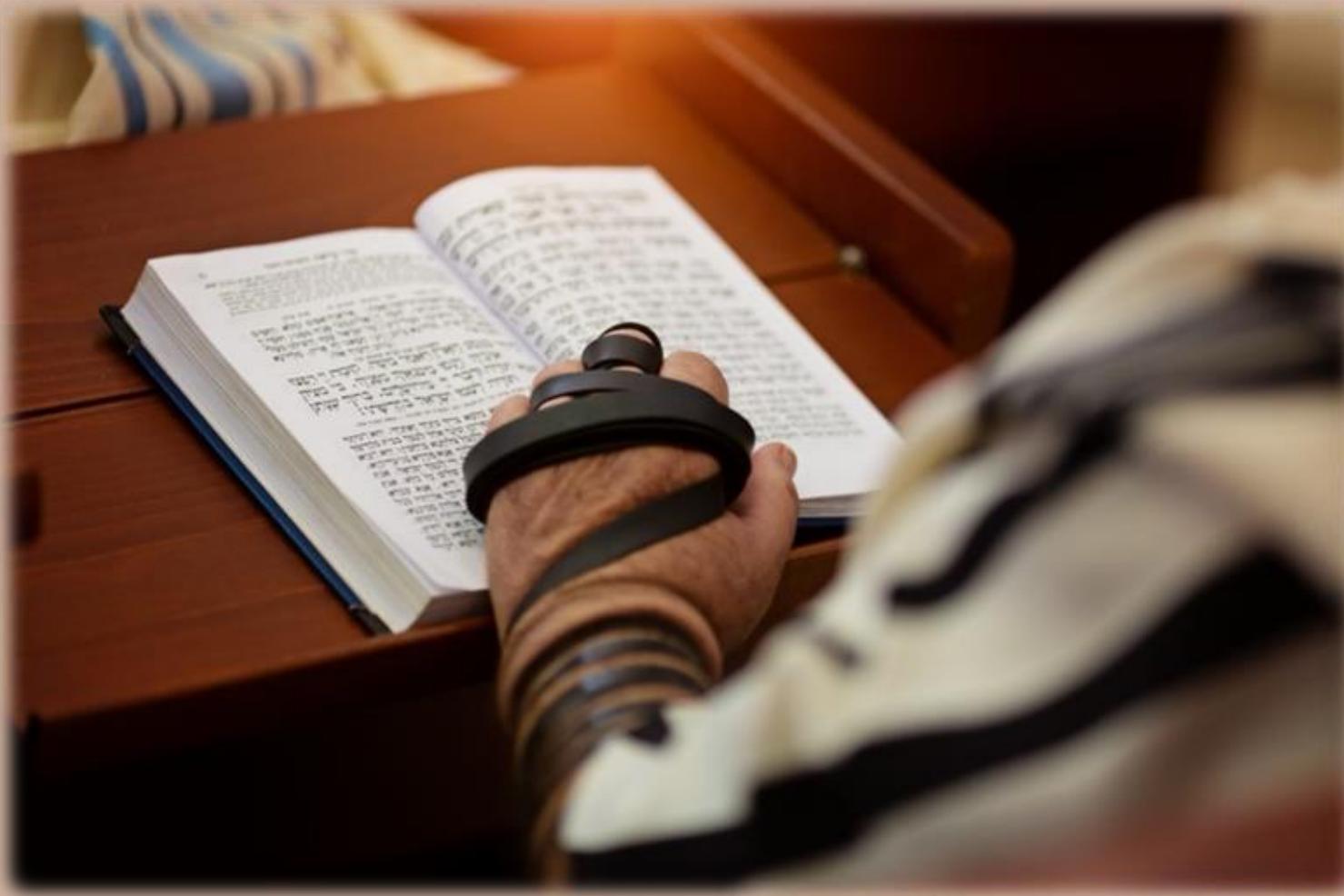
**“YOU SHALL NOT TAKE  
VENGEANCE OR BEAR A  
GRUDGE AGAINST ANY OF  
YOUR PEOPLE, BUT YOU  
SHALL LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF: I  
AM THE LORD.”** LEVITICUS 19:18



WHY DID JESUS, IN HIS ANSWER TO THE LAWYER, ADD THE  
LEVITICUS TEXT TO THE SACRED SHEMA TEXT? WHAT IS  
“UNSAID” IN THE SHEMA THAT NEEDS TO BE SAID OUT LOUD  
REGARDING OUR LOVE OF GOD? A LOVE OF GOD WHICH,  
SHOULD NATURALLY LEAD TO A LOVE OF NEIGHBOR?

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS...THE SPIRITUAL  
DIRECTIVE OF LOVING ONE'S NEIGHBOR IS A  
“TOUCH STONE” SHARED BY JUDAISM,  
CHRISTIANITY AND OTHER  
MAJOR RELIGIONS





# THE SHEMA

**"HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE  
LORD ALONE. YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD  
YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH  
ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.  
TAKE TO HEART THESE INSTRUCTIONS WITH  
WHICH I CHARGE YOU THIS DAY. IMPRESS  
THEM UPON YOUR CHILDREN. RECITE THEM  
WHEN YOU STAY AT HOME AND WHEN YOU ARE  
AWAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN AND WHEN YOU  
GET UP."** DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7

**LĀV = HEART = INEXPLICABLE, BURNING LOVE**

**NEPHESH = SOUL = SPIRITUAL ONENESS**

**M'OD = MUCHNESS = THE COMBINATION OF LĀV  
AND NEPHESH, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE**

WHEN WE SAY LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR SAY SMILING  
MORE AT IT'S LESS ABOUT  
DEHUMANIZATION AND PROTECTING  
THE VULNERABLE  
AMONG US

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# It's a Question of Love

Why aren't we simply commanded to love God – full stop, nor more explanation needed?

Why the specificity of all your heart and soul and might?

*Why is “loving neighbor as yourself” not understood instinctively as an implicit extension of loving God?*

*Why must we be instructed to love God with our **whole** being?*

# MORE LOVE

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DID YOU PUT MORE LOVE IN THE WORLD TODAY?

MORE LOVE ON YOUR WAY TO THE SETTING SUN,

THERE IS ONLY ONE MEASURE WHEN YOU CAN HONESTLY

SAY:

I PUT MORE LOVE ....

SIMU, SIMU AHAVATCHEM BA-OLAM

