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What is Written in the Book of Human Begettings? Parashat Bereishit (Genesis 1:1-6:8)

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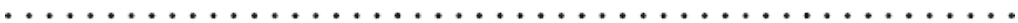


As the saying goes: “All beginnings are difficult.” We are reading Bereshit, “In the beginning...,” again. It is the start of a New Year and I am filled with the tentative joy and trepidation of Yom Kippur in Jerusalem.

Just at the opening of the gates at Kol Nidrei, I stood with my three-month-old granddaughter, Naomi Tzipora, in my arms—my daughter and son-in-law by my side—filled with hope and awe, holding our wholeness along with the shards. We were bound by tiny threads, but I felt that any blast—a hurricane or a harsh word—could tear us apart.

That day, Rabba Tamar Elad-Appelbaum, the founder of Congregation Tzion in Jerusalem, spoke about the opening of a book, or rather, the Book of Life.

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