



The Simchat Torah Window

On Simchat Torah we rejoice in celebration of the Jewish people's relationship to Torah, from its beginning ('Bereshit') to its conclusion ('B'nei Yisrael').

The death of Moses is reconciled by a glimpse of the Promised Land across the River Jordan. His life's work has reached its climax, but it is left to others to complete the final stage of the journey from exile to redemption.

We are reminded of this at Simchat Torah, when one cycle of reading the Torah is completed and a new cycle is immediately begun. The *yad*, or "hand" points in two directions, to the past and to the future.