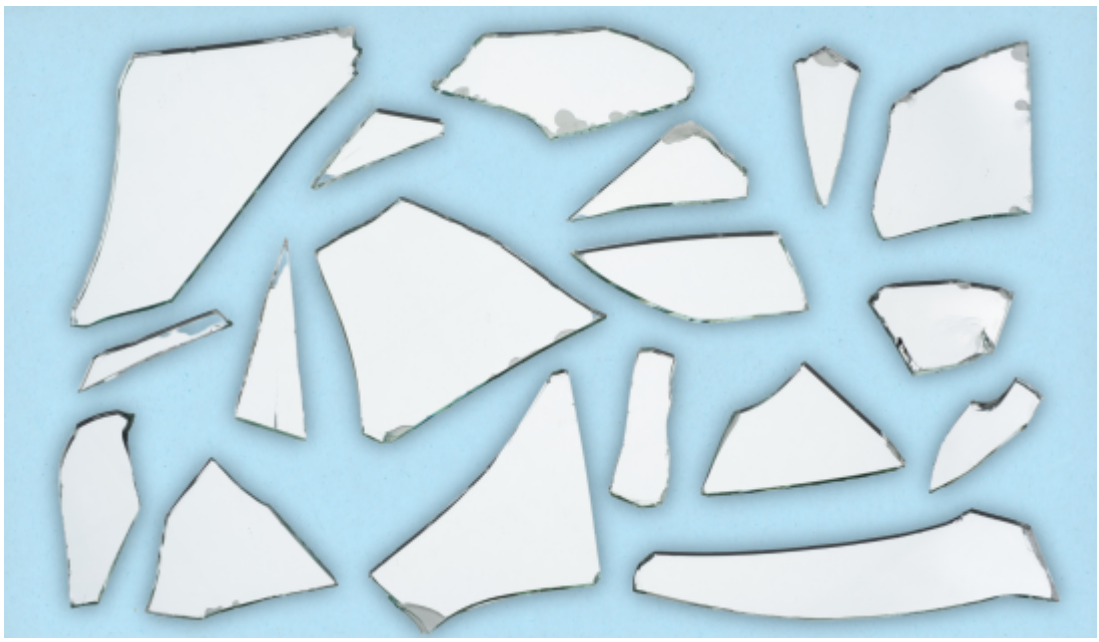
How Your Faith Can Survive a Crisis



The delicacy of faith is more noticeable in times of crisis. We expect, or hope, that our beliefs will always survive life's turbulence unscathed—that *we* are "strong enough" to survive unscathed. But when crisis strikes, things often play out differently.

October 7 and the ongoing war, trapped hostages, and active threats are some of the most, if not *the* most, severe existential crises this generation of Jews has faced. It was inevitable that it would impact our faith.

This reading list features several essays from *Tradition*'s Yom Kippur War series published just before October 7. Each one was selected in hopes of guiding, and perhaps comforting, those trying to carry their faith through these difficult times, no matter how difficult the carry might be.

"Faith, Responsibility, and Suffering: Rav Amital's Response to the Yom Kippur War"

By Yehuda Mirsky

Rav Amital is driven to strive for truth "from his own searing encounters with the truths of his time, of his students' lives, and their deaths."

Read here.

"Point-Blank Prayer: On Haim Sabato's Adjusting Sights"

By Jeffrey Saks

Rabbi Haim Sabato's literary masterpiece *Adjusting Sights* is a treatment for Israelis' social and personal reality in a time of devastation.

Read here.

"A Torah of Trauma: Rav Shagar and the Yom Kippur War"

By Zachary Truboff

Perhaps faith can make space for trauma and embrace a life of light with shades of darkness.

Read here.

