



Diane Sarah Tracht

Diane is a profoundly spiritual person. She talks to God daily, especially when she's considering breaking the rules. Diane tends to make *challah* each week while listening to Jewish podcasts. She often tears up when studying Torah because it is just that beautiful.

As a chaplain, Diane has traveled into the most desperate moments of living while holding an awareness of her fundamental gratitude for all life. It's with this gratitude that she thanks those who have joined her on the journey. Her friends and family, her classmates and teachers, and her supervisors and congregants have all had essential roles in her rabbinic becoming and continued growth. She would particularly like to thank Rabbi Mychal Springer and all those to whom she has offered pastoral care, for how their journeys wove together with her own.



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מאש ונתונה מאש

The Torah that the Holy Blessed One gave to Moses was white fire engraved with black fire. It is fire, mixed with fire, sealed with fire, and given from fire.

(*Y. Shekalim* 6:1)

וירא מלאך ה' אליו בלבת-אש מתוך הסנה וירא והנה הסנה בער באש, והסנה איננו אכל

An angel of HaShem appeared to him in a blaze of fire from within the bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

(Exodus 3:2)

In Your hands, I entrust my spirit...God is mine, and I will not fear.

(Liturgy)

בידו אפקיד רוחי ... ה' לי ולא אירא

We each have the light of God within us. This light is the black and white fires of the Torah, and this is the fire that burned without destruction. Our inner fires may seem too weak or too strong or too dangerous, but these are the fires of God and of Torah, and are a source of human joy, courage, and power.