

MOSHIACH: PERSON, TEACHER, AND KING

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MOSHIACH IN US

May it be fulfilled in us, as in the verse (Yishayah 11:2), "On him will rest the spirit of G-d: a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of council and strength, a spirit of knowledge, and the fear of G-d."

(Liturgy for High Holidays and festivals)

When the ark is opened on the High Holidays and festivals prior to reading the Torah scroll, it is a time when the gates of Heaven stand open. This is a unique opportunity to make special requests on behalf of our families and ourselves. In the standard prayer text, we find the request that G-d fulfill this verse from Yishayah (Isaiah) within us.

This is puzzling because the verse discusses the qualities of Moshiach. How can we pray that this verse be fulfilled within us?

The answer is that every Jew has a spark of Moshiach. Therefore, each and every one of us can achieve, in some way, the perfection of Moshiach.

