Bar'chu	P	Throughout the history of the Reform Movement, changes have been made in
Yotzeir		the prayers in order to remove beliefs that we no longer feel are meaningful. In
Ahavah Rabbah		the last two prayerbooks, The Union Prayer Book and Gates of Prayer, the line
Sh'ma V'ahavta		אוֹר חָדָשׁ עַל צִיּוֹן הָּאִיר Or chadash al Tzion ta-ir ("Shine a new light upon
l'maan tizk'ru		
Vayomer Adonai		Zion [Israel]") was taken out. However, the editors of Mishkan T'filah chose to
Emet v'Yatziv		put this line back into the Yotzeir. Why do you think they made this choice?
Mi Chamochah		What new light do you think they are envisioning?

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BARUCH atah, Adonai	יָיָ אַתָּה, יִיָּ
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,	אֶלֹהַינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוּלָם,
yotzeir or uvorei choshech,	יוֹצֵר אור וּבוֹרֵא חְשֶׁךְּ,
oseh shalom uvorei et hakol.	עֹשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא אֶת־הַכּּל.
Hamei-ir laaretz	הַפֵּאִיר לָאָרֶץ
v'ladarim aleha b'rachamim,	וְלַדָּרִים עָלֶיהָ בְּרַחֲמִים,
uv'tuvo m'chadeish b'chol yom tamid	וּבְטוּבוֹ מְחַדֵּשׁ בְּכָל יוֹם תָּמִיד
maaseih v'reishit.	ַמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית.
Mah rabu maasecha, Adonai,	מָה רַבּוּ מַעֲשֶׂידְ, יְיָ,
kulam b'chochmah asita,	בֵּלָם בְּחָכְמָה עָשִׂיתָ,
mal'ah haaretz kinyanecha.	ָמָלְאָה הָאָרֶץ קּנְינֶידָ.
Titbarach, Adonai Eloheinu,	תִּתְבָּרַדְּ, יְיָ אֱלֹחֵינוּ,
al shevach maaseih yadecha	עַל שֶׁבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֶידּ
v'al m'orei or she-asita,	ָוְעַל מְאָוֹרֵי אוֹר שֶׁעָשְׂיתָ,
y'faarucha selah.	יְפָאֲרְוּדָּ פֶּלָת.
Or chadash al Tzion tair,	אור חָדָשׁ עַל צִיּוֹן תָּאִיר,
v'nizkeh chulanu m'heirah l'oro.	וְנִזְכֶּה כֻלָּנוּ מְהֵרָה לְאוֹרוֹ.
Baruch atah, Adonai, yotzeir ham'orot.	בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יָיָ, יוֹצֵר הַמְּאוֹרוֹת.

PRAISED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of light and darkness, who makes peace and fashions all things. In mercy, You illumine the world and those who live upon it. In Your goodness You daily renew creation. How numerous are Your works, Adonai! In wisdom, You formed them all, filling the earth with Your creatures. Be praised, Adonai our God, for the excellent work of Your hands, and for the lights You created, may they glorify You. Shine a new light upon Zion, that we all may swiftly merit its radiance. Praised are You, Adonai, Creator of all heavenly lights.

בּרוּדְ אַתָּה, יָיָ, יוֹצֵר הַמְּאוֹרוֹת. Baruch atah, Adonai, yotzeir ham'orot.

אוֹר חָדָשׁ עַל צִיּוֹן הָּאֵיר Or chadash al Tzion ta-ir . . . Shine a new light upon Zion . . . Classical Reform prayerbook authors in the Diaspora consistently omitted this line with its mention of Zion from the liturgy because of their opposition to Jewish nationalism. With the restoration of this passage to Mishkan T'filah, our movement consciously affirms its devotion to the modern State of Israel and signals its recognition of the religious significance of the reborn Jewish commonwealth. David Ellenson

שְׁדְּ אֹנְתּה, יִי אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא חְשְׁדְ Baruch atah, Adonai . . . yotzeir or uvorei choshech . . . Praised are You, Adonai . . . Who forms light and creates darkness . . . based on Isaiah 45:7

מה רבו Mah rabu . . . How numerous . . . Psalm 104:24

יוֹצֵּר אַתָּבָת רַבָּת שְׁמֵע וִאָּתּרָּתָּ

לְמַעַן הַּטְּכְּרוּ ולּאמֶר יְיָ

אֶמֶת וְיַצִּיב מִי־כָּמְכָּה