



*It has been told to you, what is good, and what Adonai requires of you
Only to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 1

- א** בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ: **1** When God was about to create heaven and earth,
- ב** וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תְהוֹמוֹת וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹמוֹת וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם: **2** the earth was a chaos, unformed and on the chaotic waters' face there was darkness.
Then God's spirit glided over the face of the waters.
- ג** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי־אֹר: **3** And God said, "Let there be light" - and there was light.
- ד** וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ: **4** And when God saw how good the light was, God divided the light from the darkness.
- ה** וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאֹר יוֹם וְאֶת־הַחֹשֶׁךְ לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד: **5** God then called the light Day, and called the darkness Night, and there was evening and there was morning, the first day.
- ו** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תְּרוּצָא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ בְּהֵמָה וְרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיִּתוֹאֲרָץ לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן: **24** God then said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every type: domestic animals and creeping things and wild animals, each true to its type!"—and so it was.
- ז** וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־חַיֵּי הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת־כָּל־רֶמֶשׂ הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינָהּ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב: **25** Thus God made the wild animals, each true to its type, and the domestic animals, each true to its type, and every creature that creeps on the ground, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was.
- ח** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ וַיְרֵדוּ בְדִגְלַת הָאֵם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הָרֶמֶשׂ הֹרֵמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ: **26** God now said, "Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness; and let them hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, over the beasts, over all the earth, over all that creeps upon the earth."

כז וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ
בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה
בָּרָא אֹתָם : 27 So God created the human beings in [the
divine] image, creating [them] in the image of
God, creating them male and female.

כח וַיְבָרֵךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם
אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ
וְכַבְשֶׁתָּהּ וּרְדוּ בַדְגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
וּבְכָל-חַיָּה הַרְמֶשֶׂת עַל-הָאָרֶץ : 28 God then blessed them, and God said to
them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth
and tame it; hold sway over the fish of the sea
and the birds of the sky, and over every
animal that creeps on the earth.”

כט וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת-
כָּל-עֵשֶׂב אֲשֶׁר זֶרַע זֶרַע אֶשְׂרֶל עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-
הָאָרֶץ וְאֶת-כָּל-הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ פְּרִיעֵץ זֶרַע
זֶרַע לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאֹכְלָהּ : 29 And God said, “Look, I have given you all
the seed-bearing plants on the face of the
earth, and every tree that has in it seed-
bearing fruit—these are yours to eat.

ל וְלִכְלַחַתֵּית הָאָרֶץ וְלִכְלַעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְלִכָּל רֹמֵשׂ עַל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ נֶפֶשׁ
חַיָּה אֶת-כָּל-יֶרֶק עֵשֶׂב לְאֹכְלָהּ וַיְהִי-כֵן : 30 And to every land animal, and to every
bird of the sky, and to all that creeps on the
earth in which is the breath of life, I [give] all
green vegetation for food.”—and so it was.

לא וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה
וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם
הַשִּׁשִּׁי : 31 God then surveyed all that [God] had
made, and look—it was very good! And there
was evening and there was morning, the sixth
day.

Genesis 2 בְּרֵאשִׁית

א וַיִּכְלְוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ וְכָל-צְבָאָם : 1 Completed now were heaven and earth and
all their host.

ב וַיְכַל אֱלֹהִים בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מְלַאכְתּוֹ
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וַיִּשְׁבֹּת בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי מִכָּל-
מְלַאכְתּוֹ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה : 2 On the seventh day, God had completed the
work that had been done, ceasing then on the
seventh day from all the work that [God] had
done.

ג כַּוִּיבְרָךְ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-יוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי
וַיְקַדְּשׁ אֹתוֹ כִּי בּוֹ שָׁבַת מִכָּל-מְלַאכְתּוֹ
אֲשֶׁר-בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים לַעֲשׂוֹת : 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and
made it holy, and ceased from all the creative
work that God [had chosen] to do.

Haftarah for B'reishit: Ecclesiastes 4:1-4, 7-12

In Parashat B'reishit, we read the first chapters of the Torah: the accounts of creation, the stories of Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel. We read these stories just weeks after the end of the High Holy Days, having begun to consider the gift of life and the reality that nothing is promised to us.

Here, Ecclesiastes explores what it is like to experience life. Who is lucky: those who are alive, or those who are not yet born? Those who are oppressed, or those who are not? Those who are born rich and powerful, or those born not rich and powerful? What is the value of companionship? Life is what we make of it.

Blessing before the Haftarah Reading:

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, whose spirit inspired our prophets, and whose spirit inspires us to thoughtfully discern their words. Each generation that has come before has taught and made our prophets words their own. Thank you for *binah*, understanding, and *deah*, knowledge: for the opportunity to choose the holy words that we pass on to the next generation.

Ecclesiastes 4:1-4, 7-12

(1) I further observed all the oppression that goes on under the sun: the tears of the oppressed, with none to comfort them; and the power of their oppressors—with none to comfort them. (2) Then I accounted those who died long since as more fortunate than those who are still living; (3) and happier than either are those who have not yet come into being and have never witnessed the miseries that go on under the sun. (4) I have also noted that all labor and skillful enterprise come from human envy of one another—another futility and pursuit of wind!

(7) And I have noted this further futility under the sun: (8) the case of the person who is alone, with no companion, who has neither child nor sibling; yet amasses wealth without limit, and her eye is never sated with riches. For whom, now, is she amassing it while denying herself enjoyment? That too is a futility and an unhappy business.

(9) Two are better off than one, in that they have greater benefit from their earnings. (10) For should they fall, one can raise the other; but woe betide one who is alone and falls with no companion to raise them! (11) Further, when two lie together they are warm; but how can one who is alone get warm? (12) Also, if one attacks, two can stand up to him. A threefold cord is not readily broken.

Blessing after the Haftarah Reading:

Thank you, O God, whose spirit inspired the prophets of old, and whose spirit inspires us to live with intention. God, you call to us to be our best. You call us to justice and mercy and to care for the oppressed. Blessed are you, Adonai our God, who gives us the ability to discern, to live, to inspire and to do your work.

קהלת ד' א'-י"ב

(א) וְשִׁבְתִּי אֲנִי וְאָרְאָה אֶת־כָּל־הָעֹשִׂקִים
אֲשֶׁר נַעֲשִׂים תַּחַת הַשָּׁמֶשׁ וְהִנֵּה אִדְמַעַת
הָעֹשִׂקִים וְאִין לָהֶם מְנַחֵם וּמִיָּד עֹשְׂקֵיהֶם
פָּח וְאִין לָהֶם מְנַחֵם: (ב) וְשִׁבַּח אֲנִי אֶת־
הַמֵּתִים שֶׁכָּבַר מֵתוֹ מֵרַחֲלִים אֲשֶׁר הָמָה
חַיִּים עֲדָנָה: (ג) וְטוֹב מִשְׁנִיָּהֶם אֶת אֲשֶׁר־
עָדוּן לֹא הָיָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא־רָאָה אֶת־הַמַּעֲשֵׂה
הָרַע אֲשֶׁר נַעֲשָׂה תַּחַת הַשָּׁמֶשׁ: (ד) וְרָאִיתִי
אֲנִי אֶת־כָּל־עֲמָל וְאֶת כָּל־כְּשָׁרוֹן הַמַּעֲשֵׂה
כִּי הִיא קִנְאֵת־אִישׁ מֵרֵעֵהוּ גַם־זֶה הַבָּל
וְרַעוּת רֹחַ: (ו) וְשִׁבְתִּי אֲנִי וְאָרְאָה הַבָּל
תַּחַת הַשָּׁמֶשׁ: (ח) יֵשׁ אֶחָד וְאִין שְׁנַי גַּם בֶּן
וְאֶח אֲיֹרְלוֹ וְאִין קֶץ לְכָל־עֲמָלוֹ גַּם־עֵינָיו
[עֵינָיו] לֹא־תִשָּׁבַע עֲשֶׂר וּלְמִי אֲנִי עֲמָל
וּמַחֲסֵר אֶת־נַפְשִׁי מֵטוֹבָה גַּם־זֶה הַבָּל וְעֵינָיו
רָע הוּא: (ט) טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנַיִם מִן־הָאֶחָד
אֲשֶׁר יֵשׁ־לָהֶם שְׂכָר טוֹב בְּעַמְלָם: (י) כִּי
אִם־יָפְלוּ הָאֶחָד יִקָּים אֶת־חֲבֵרֹו וְאֵילֹו
הָאֶחָד שִׁיפּוֹל וְאִין שְׁנַי לְהַקִּימוֹ: (יא) גַּם
אִם־יִשָּׁכְבוּ שְׁנַיִם וְחָם לָהֶם וּלְאֶחָד אֶיֶךְ
יַחֵם: (יב) וְאִם־יִתְקַפּוּ הָאֶחָד הַשְּׁנַיִם
יַעֲמְדוּ נִגְדָו וְהַחֹוט הַמִּשְׁלֵשׁ לֹא בְמַהֲרָה
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Prayer for Healing

Music and English lyrics by Todd Herzog

Eil na, r'fa na la, r'fa na lanu.
אֵל נָא, רְפֹא נָא לָהּ, רְפֹא נָא לָנוּ

Dear God of our ancestors	Restore our strength of body
Help us renew our days	Help clarify our minds
Grant us a perfect healing	Refresh our tired spirits
Bring peace from all our pain	Rejuvenate our light

We Remember a Few of Far Too Many Lives Lost to COVID-19

Simi Ben-Naim, 90, made aliyah from Morocco and loved to make pastry for her grandchildren,
Tel Aviv, Israel
Daniel and Davy Macias, 37 and 39, parents of five, Yucaipa, California
Mark Allen Brooks, 53, loved dogs—"despite not liking dogs," Staunton, Virginia

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Ronald Bailey, 52, SE DC; Brandon Dion Miller, 46, no fixed address

Shiva

Michael Taphouse and Nick Fletcher, son and son-in-law of Doug Taphouse,
husband of Rachel Gross

Shloshim

Gregory Gaymont, Josef Karl Gartner, Edward Greenberg, Walter Leo Schiff

Yahrzeit

Tovey Barron, Anne Cooley, Ben Robert Diskin, Miriam Foster, Reuben Freedman, Edmund Greenwald, Jerry Gross, Edward Robert Halpert, Sidney Hoos, Irwin Jennis, Sara Laver, Marguerite Malgoire, Olya Margolin, Elaine May, Everett Merrill, Penny Lamb Parker, Hallie Rich, John K. Rose, Milton M. Rosenbloom, Marian Schnall, Irving "Owie" Schneider, Howard Schulman, Robert Schwartz, Dorothy Waldman Shuff, Elliott Simon, Mark Snyderman, Hana Taffet

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