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3 Cheshvan, 5782
Shabbat Noach



*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)*

We Are Good, We Are Flawed

We are good, we are flawed, we are the breath of an imperfect God.

Elohai N'shamah

Elohai, n'shamah shenatata bi t'horah hi. אלהי, להי, נשמה שנתת בי טהורה היא.
My God, the soul You have given me is pure.

Genesis בראשית 8

15 **טו** וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ לֵאמֹר:

16 **טז** צֵא מִן־הַתֵּבָה אַתָּה וְאִשְׁתְּךָ וּבְנֶיךָ וְנִשְׁיִבְנֶיךָ אִתָּךְ: "Go out of the ark with your wife, your sons, and their wives.

17 **יז** כָּל־הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר־אִתָּךְ מִכָּל־בֶּשֶׂר בְּעוֹף וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הַרֶמֶשׂ הַרֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ הִיֵּצֵא אִתָּךְ וְשָׂרְצוּ בָאָרֶץ וּפְרוּ וּרְבוּ עַל־הָאָרֶץ: Take every animal that is in your care—bird and beast, and all that creep over the earth; let them swarm on the earth; let them be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

18 **יח** וַיֵּצֵא־נֹחַ וּבָנָיו וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְנִשְׁיִבְנָיו אִתּוֹ: So Noah went out, together with his wife, his sons, and their wives.

19 **יט** כָּל־הַחַיָּה כָּל־הַרֶמֶשׂ וְכָל־הָעוֹף כֹּל רוֹמֵשׂ עַל־הָאָרֶץ לְמִשְׁפַּחְתֵּיהֶם יֵצְאוּ מִן־הַתֵּבָה: The animals, the reptiles, the birds, everything that teems upon the earth—all departed from the ark in family groups.

Genesis בראשית 9

8 **ח** בּוֹיָאָמַר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ וְאֶל־בָּנָיו אִתּוֹ לֵאמֹר: God then said to Noah and his sons who were with him,

9 **ט** וְאֵלַי הִנְנִי מִקִּים אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְאִת־יְרֵעֵכֶם אַחֲרֵיכֶם: "As for Me, I am going to establish My covenant with you and with your descendants after you,

10 **י** וְאִת־כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם בְּעוֹף בְּבִהֵמָה וּבְכָל־חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ אִתְּכֶם מִכָּל יִצְאֵי הַתֵּבָה לְכָל חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ: and with every living being in your care—the birds, the beasts, and all the land animals in your care—all who have gone out of the ark, all earth's animals.

יא וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם וְלֹא־יִכָּרֵת כָּל־
בָּשָׂר עוֹד מִמִּי הַמַּבּוּל וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה עוֹד מַבּוּל
לְשַׁחַת הָאָרֶץ: **11** I am establishing My covenant with
you; never again shall all flesh be cut off
by the waters of the flood; never again
shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

יב וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים זֹאת אֹתֵּי הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר־אֲנִי
נֹתֵן בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה אֲשֶׁר אִתְּכֶם
לְדֹרֹת עוֹלָם: **12** And God said, “Here is the sign I am
giving you of the covenant between Me
and you, and every living being with you,
down to the last generation:

יג אֶת־קִשְׁתִּי נָתַתִּי בְּעָנָן וְהִיְתָה לְאוֹת בְּרִית
בֵּינִי וּבֵין הָאָרֶץ: **13** I have placed My bow in the cloud—it
will be a sign of the covenant between Me
and the earth.

יד וְהָיָה בְּעָנְנֵי עָנָן עַל־הָאָרֶץ וְנִרְאָתָה הַקֶּשֶׁת
בְּעָנָן: **14** And when I cause clouds to form over
the earth, and the bow appears in the cloud,

טו וְזָכַרְתִּי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר בֵּינִי וּבֵינֵיכֶם וּבֵין
כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה בְּכָל־בָּשָׂר וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה עוֹד הַמַּיִם
לְמַבּוּל לְשַׁחַת כָּל־בָּשָׂר: **15** I will remember My covenant between
Me and you and all living beings, all flesh,
and never again shall the waters become a
flood, to destroy all flesh.

טז וְהִיְתָה הַקֶּשֶׁת בְּעָנָן וְרָאִיתִיהָ לְזָכֹר בְּרִית
עוֹלָם בֵּין אֱלֹהִים וּבֵין כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה בְּכָל־בָּשָׂר
אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאָרֶץ: **16** When the bow is in the cloud, and I see
it, I will remember the everlasting covenant
between God and all living beings, all that
live upon the earth.”

יז וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים אֶל־נֹחַ זֹאת אֹתֵּי הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר
הִקְמַתִּי בֵּינִי וּבֵין כָּל־בָּשָׂר אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאָרֶץ: **17** And God said to Noah, “This is the sign
of the covenant that I have established
between Me and all that live upon the
earth.”

Haftarah for Noach: Isaiah 54: 9-14

We keep this excerpt from the traditional haftarah, which both mentions Noah directly and promises hope and redemption. What does it mean for God to promise not to be angry with us? What does it mean to be established through righteousness and safe for oppression? How do we work to be God's partners in this work?

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.

Isaiah 54:9-14

(9) For this to me is like the waters of Noah: As I swore that the waters of Noah nevermore would flood the earth, so I swear that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you. (10) For the mountains may move and the hills be shaken, but my loyalty shall never move from you, nor my covenant of peace be shaken —said the Eternal, who takes you back in love. (11) Unhappy, storm-tossed one, uncomforted! I will lay carbuncles as your building stones And make your foundations of sapphires. (12) I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of precious stones, the whole encircling wall of gems. (13) And all your children shall be disciples of the Eternal, and great shall be the happiness of your children; (14) You shall be established through righteousness. You shall be safe from oppression, and shall have no fear; from ruin, and it shall not come near you.

ישעיהו נ"ד:ט'-י"ד

(ט) כִּי־מִי נִחַ זְאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מֵעַבְרַר
מִיַּנְחַ עוֹד עַל־הָאָרֶץ כִּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקֶּצֶף
עַל־ךְ וּמִגְעַר־בָּדָד: (י) כִּי הָהָרִים לְמוֹשׁוּ
וְהַגְּבָעוֹת תִּמְוֹטְנָה וְחִסְדֵי מֵאֲתָדָד לֹא־יִמּוֹשׁוּ
וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תִמּוֹט אֲמַר מִרְחֻמֶיךָ
יְהוָה: (ס) (יא) עֲנִיָּה סַעֲרָה לֹא נַחֲמָה הַיְנָה
אֲנֹכִי מִרְבִּיץ בַּפּוֹדֶיךָ אֲבִנֶיךָ וַיִּסְדַּתִּיךָ
בְּסַפִּירִים: (יב) וְשִׁמְתִי בְּדָבָד שְׁמֶשֶׁתֶיךָ
וְשִׁעֲרֶיךָ לְאַבְנֵי אֶקֶדָח וְכָל־גְּבוּלֶךָ לְאַבְנֵי־
חַפְצִי: (יג) וְכָל־בְּנֶיךָ לְמוֹדֵי יְהוָה וְרַב שְׁלוֹם
בְּנֶיךָ: (יד) בְּצִדְקָה תִכּוֹנְנִי רַחֲמֵי מַלְאָק
כִּי־לֹא תִיָּאֵי וּמִמְחַתָּה כִּי לֹא־תִקְרַב
אֵלֶיךָ:

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.

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

Marc Pilcher, 53, Emmy-award winning hair and makeup designer, London, United Kingdom
Casie Marie Freeman, 29, loved taking her daughters to Disney World, Macon, Georgia
Kathy Jacob, 56, youth services librarian and parent, Winchester, Virginia

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Temika Johnson, 35, SW DC; Pedro Melendez Alvarado, 35, Alexandria, VA;
Andre Robertson, 33, NE DC; Garry Stanley Sr., 44, Fort Washington, MD

Shloshim

Nick Fletcher, Josef Karl Gartner, Edward Greenberg, Walter Leo Schiff, Michael Taphouse

Yahrzeit

Barbara Ashton, Raymond Busker, Abe Cohen, Esther Dunsay, Anne Elvigan, Jennie Faber,
Samuel Faber, David A. Feldman, Lorraine Feldman, Isabel Field, Charlotte Funston,
Constance D. Jacob, Joshua I. Justin, Arlene Lonker Kamin, Marcia Kempner, Edward C. Kirby,
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Oseh Shalom

Oseh Shalom bim'ro'mav
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu.

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו
הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ.

May the One, may the One who makes peace
bring peace down, bring peace down.