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Shabbat Vayetzai



*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)*

Love the One Your God

Music and lyrics by Lincoln Brewster

Love the One your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might, and with all your strength.

With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your might, with all your strength...

Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 28

- י וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעֵר שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חֲרָנָה: 10 And Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.
- יא וַיִּפְגַּע בְּמָקוֹם וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם כִּי־בָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאֲבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשָּׂם מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמָקוֹם הַהוּא: 11 Coming upon a [certain] place, he passed the night there, for the sun was setting; taking one of the stones of the place, he made it his head-rest as he lay down in that place.
- יב וַיִּחְלֶם וְהִנֵּה סֹלֶם מַצֵּב אֶרֶצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מַגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וְהִנֵּה מַלְאַכֵי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ: 12 He dreamed, and lo—a ladder was set on the ground, with its top reaching to heaven, and lo—angels of God going up and coming down on it.
- יג וְהִנֵּה יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֶיךָ אֲבִיךָ וְאֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ לְךָ אֶתְנַנָּה וְלִצְרָעָד: 13 And lo—the Eternal stood up above it, and said, “I, the Eternal, am the God of your father Abraham and God of Isaac: the land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants.
- יד וְהָיָה זֶרְעֶךָ כַּעֲבַר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרָצְתָּ יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וְצָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וַנְּבָרְכֶךָ בְּכָל־כְּלַמֵּשְׁפָּחַת הָאֲדָמָה וּבְצָרְעָד: 14 And your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and the east and the north and the south. Through you and your descendants all the families of the earth shall find blessing.
- טו וְהִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי עִמָּךְ וְשָׁמַרְתִּיךָ בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר־תֵּלֵךְ וְהֵשַׁבְתִּיךָ אֶל־הָאֲדָמָה הַזֹּאת כִּי לֹא אֶעֱזָבְךָ עַד אֲשֶׁר אִסַּעֲשִׂיתִי אֶת־אֲשֶׁר־דִּבַּרְתִּי לְךָ: 15 And here I am, with you: I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this soil. I will not let go of you as long as I have yet to do what I have promised you.”

טז וַיִּקְוֶץ יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁנַתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֶכֶן יֵשׁ יְהוָה
בְּמָקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי: 16 Waking from his sleep, Jacob said,
“Truly, the Eternal is in this place, and I
did not know it!”

יז וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מֵהֵנוּרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה
כִּי אִם־בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם: 17 He was awestruck, and said, “How
awe-inspiring is this place! This is none
other than the house of God, and this is the
gate of heaven!”

Haftarah for Vayetzei: Hosea 12: 1-10

This text, from the traditional Haftarah for this parasha alludes directly to the events of parashat Vayetzei, when Jacob dreams of God at Beth El (verse 5). The Hosea text indirectly alludes to the events of the parasha: Laban’s dishonesty, through the warnings against acting unfair in trade. We are reminded that we are responsible to one another, and to God - and that God desires us to do just actions.

Hosea 12:1-10

הושע י"ב:א'-י'

(1) Ephraim surrounds me with deceit, the House of Israel with guile. But Judah stands firm with God and is faithful to the Holy One. (2) Ephraim tends the wind and pursues the gale; he is forever adding illusion to calamity. Now they make a covenant with Assyria, now oil is carried to Egypt. (3) The Eternal once indicted Judah, and punished Jacob for his conduct, requited him for his deeds. (4) In the womb, he [Jacob] tried to supplant his brother; grown to manhood, he strove with a divine being, (5) He strove with an angel and prevailed— The other had to weep and implore him. At Beth El [Jacob] would meet him, there to commune with him. (6) Yet the Eternal, the God of Hosts, must be invoked as “Yud-Hey-Vav-Hey.” (7) You must return to your God! Practice goodness and justice, and constantly trust in your God. (8) A trader who uses false balances, who loves to overreach, (9) Ephraim thinks, “Ah, I have become rich; I have gotten power! All my gains do not amount to an offense which is real guilt.” (10) I the Eternal have been your God ever since the land of Egypt. I will let you dwell in your tents again as in the days of old.”

(א) סָבְבֵנִי בְּלִחַשׁ אֶפְרַיִם וּבְמַרְמָה בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיְהוּדָה עַד רֹד עִם־אֵל וְעַם־קְדוֹשִׁים
נִאֶמְרוּ:
(ב) אֶפְרַיִם רֵעָה רוּחַ וְרֹדֵף קָדִים כְּלֵהֲלוֹם
כָּזָב וְשֹׁד יִרְבֶּה וּבְרִית עִם־אֲשׁוּר יְכַרְתּוּ
וְשָׁמוֹן לְמִצְרַיִם יוֹבֵל:
(ג) וְרִיב לִיהוָה עִם־יְהוּדָה וּלְפָקֵד עַל־יַעֲקֹב
כְּדָרְכָיו כְּמַעֲלָלוֹ יֵשִׁיב לוֹ:
(ד) בְּבֶטֶן יַעֲקֹב אֶת־אֲחִיו וּבְאוֹנוֹ שָׁרָה אֶת־
אֱלֹהִים:
(ה) וַיִּשְׁר אֶל־מִלְאָךְ וַיִּכַּל בְּכָה וַיִּתְחַנְּנוּ־לוֹ
בֵּית־אֵל יִמְצְאוּנוּ וְשֵׁם יִדְבַר עִמָּנוּ:
(ו) וַיְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי הַצְּבָאוֹת יְהוָה זָכְרוּ: (ז)
וְאַתָּה בְּאֵלֶיךָ תָּשׁוּב חֶסֶד וּמִשְׁפָּט שָׁמֹר
וְקוֹנָה אֶל־אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִּמְיֵד:
(ח) כְּנָעַן בְּיָדוֹ מֵאֲזֵנֵי מִרְמָה לַעֲשֹׂק אָהֵב:
(ט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֶפְרַיִם אֲדָה עֲשֵׂרְתִי מִצְּאֵתִי אֲוֹן
לִי כְּלִיגִיעֵי לֹא יִמְצְאוּלִי עֲוֹן אֲשֶׁר־חִטָּא:
(י) וְאֲנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם עַד
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We Remember a Few of Far Too Many Lives Lost to COVID-19

Shalom Stamberg, 98, survived the Warsaw Ghetto, “became Bar Mitzvah” at 93, Haifa, Israel
Kelly Burnett, 32, para-educator, therapist, parent of four, Hartland, Wisconsin
Wanda Denise Distance, 54, former nurse turned celebrity hairstylist, Baltimore, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Anthony Depetris, 26, SE DC; Delonte King, 34, no fixed address;
Antwonnie Turner, 32, Fort Washington, Maryland

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