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Shabbat Ki Tisa

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)



*Meretech Duffee Becomes Bat Mitzvah*

- Aliyah I.....Joy, David, and Rachel Leibman
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- Aliyah III.....Dan, Tanya, Sam, and Jason Gelb
- Aliyah IV .....Lisa Gelb, Greg Duffee, Miranda Duffee
- Aliyah V .....Meretech Duffee
- Petichah .....Karen Green
- Hagbah .....Will Yetvin
- Usher .....Robin Rudowitz

**Exodus שמות 32**

**א** וַיִּרְא הָעָם כִּי־בִשָּׁשׁ מִשָּׁה לָרֶדֶת מִן־הָהָר וַיִּקְהָל הָעָם עַל־אֶהֱרֹן וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו קוּם | עֲשֵׂה־לָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ לִפְנֵינוּ כִּי־זָה | מִשָּׁה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלָנוּ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לֹא יָדַעְנוּ מַה־הָיָה לוֹ :

**1** When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, the people gathered against Aaron and said to him, “Come, make us a god who shall go before us, for that fellow Moses—the envoy who brought us from the land of Egypt—we do not know what has happened to him.”

**ב** וַיֹּאמֶר אֶלְהֵם אֶהֱרֹן פָּרְקוּ נְזָמֵי הַזָּהָב אֲשֶׁר בְּאָזְנֵי נְשֵׁיכֶם בְּנִיכֶם וּבְנֹתֵיכֶם וְהָבִיאוּ אֵלָי :

**2** Aaron said to them, “[You men,] take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.”

**ג** וַיִּתְּפְּרוּ כָּל־הָעָם אֶת־נְזָמֵי הַזָּהָב אֲשֶׁר בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם וַיָּבִיאוּ אֶל־אֶהֱרֹן :

**3** And all the people took off the gold rings that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.

**ד** וַיִּקַּח מֵיָדָם וַיִּצַר אֹתוֹ בַּחֶרֶט וַיַּעֲשֵׂהוּ עֵגֶל מִסָּכָה וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֶעֱלֹדָה מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם :

**4** This he took from them and cast in a mold, and made it into a molten calf. And they exclaimed, “This is your god, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

ה וַיִּרְא אֶהָרוֹן וַיִּבֶן מִזְבֵּחַ לִפְנֵי  
וַיִּקְרָא אֶהָרוֹן וַיֹּאמֶר חַג לַיהוָה  
מָחָר : 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar  
before it; and Aaron announced:  
“Tomorrow shall be a festival of the  
Eternal!”

ו וַיִּשְׂכְּלִימוּ מִמַּחֲרַת וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת  
וַיִּגְשׁוּ שְׁלָמִים וַיֵּשֶׁב הָעָם לֶאֱכֹל  
וּשְׂתוֹ וַיִּקְמוּ לְצַחֵק : 6 Early next day, the people offered up  
burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of  
well-being; they sat down to eat and  
drink, and then rose to dance.

ז וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵּדָבָר  
שָׁחַת עִמָּךְ אֲשֶׁר הָעַלִּיתָ מֵאֶרֶץ  
מִצְרָיִם : 7 The Eternal One spoke to Moses,  
“Hurry down, for your people, whom you  
brought out of the land of Egypt, have  
acted basely.

ח סָרוּ מִהָר מִן־הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִם  
עֲשׂוּ לָהֶם עֵגֶל מִסִּכָּה וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲווּ־לוֹ  
וַיִּזְבְּחוּ־לוֹ וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶּה אֱלֹהֵיךָ  
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר הֵעֲלוֹךְ מֵאֶרֶץ  
מִצְרָיִם : 8 They have been quick to turn aside  
from the way that I enjoined upon them.  
They have made themselves a molten calf  
and bowed low to it and sacrificed to it,  
saying: ‘This is your god, O Israel, who  
brought you out of the land of Egypt!’”

ט וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה רְאִיתִי  
אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה וְהִנֵּה עַם־קָשֶׁה־עַרְף  
הוּא : 9 The Eternal further said to Moses, “I  
see that this is a stiffnecked people.

י וְעַתָּה הִנֵּיחָה לִּי וַיִּחַר־אַפִּי בָהֶם  
וְאַכְלֵם וְאַעֲשֶׂה אוֹתָךְ לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל : 10 Now, let Me be, that My anger may  
blaze forth against them and that I may  
destroy them, and make of you a great  
nation.”

יא וַיַּחַל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־פָּנָיו יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו  
וַיֹּאמֶר לָמָּה יְהוָה יִחַרֶּה אַפְּךָ  
בְּעַמָּךְ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם  
בְּכַח גָּדוֹל וּבְיָד חֲזָקָה : 11 But Moses implored the Eternal his  
God, saying, “Let not Your anger,  
Eternal One, blaze forth against Your  
people, whom You delivered from the  
land of Egypt with great power and with  
a mighty hand.

יב לָמָּה יֹאמְרוּ מִצְרָיִם לֵאמֹר  
בְּרָעָה הוֹצִיאָם לְהָרִג אֹתָם בְּהָרִים  
וּלְכַלֵּתָם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה שׁוּב  
מִחֲרוֹן אַפְּךָ וְהִנַּחֵם עַל־הָרָעָה  
לְעַמָּךְ : 12 Let not the Egyptians say, ‘It was with  
evil intent that he delivered them, only to  
kill them off in the mountains and  
annihilate them from the face of the  
earth.’ Turn from Your blazing anger,  
and renounce the plan to punish Your  
people.

**יג** זָכֹר לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וְלִישְׂרָאֵל  
עֲבָדֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לָהֶם בְּדָבָר  
וַתְּדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אַרְבֵּה אֶת־זֶרְעֲכֶם  
כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכָל־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת  
אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֲתוֹ לְזֶרְעֲכֶם וְנָחְלוּ  
לְעֹלָם:

**13** Remember Your servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, how You swore to them by Your Self and said to them: I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven, and I will give to your offspring this whole land of which I spoke, to possess forever.”

**יד** וַיִּנָּחֵם יְהוָה עַל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר  
דָּבַר לַעֲשׂוֹת לְעַמּוֹ:

**14** And the Eternal renounced the punishment planned for God’s people.

**טו** וַיִּפֹּן וַיֵּרַד מֹשֶׁה מִן־הַהָר וּשְׁנֵי  
לְחֹת הָעֵדוּת בְּיָדוֹ לְחֹת כְּתָבִים  
מִשְׁנֵי עֲבָרֵיהֶם מִזֶּה וּמִזֶּה הֵם  
כְּתָבִים:

**15** Thereupon Moses turned and went down from the mountain bearing the two tablets of the Pact, tablets inscribed on both their surfaces: they were inscribed on the one side and on the other.

**טז** וְהַלְחֹת מַעֲשֵׂה אֱלֹהִים הֵמָּה  
וְהַמְּכֻתָב מְכֻתָב אֱלֹהִים הוּא חֲרוּת  
עַל־הַלְחֹת:

**16** The tablets were God’s work, and the writing was God’s writing, incised upon the tablets.

**יז** וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אֶת־קוֹל הָעָם  
בְּרָעָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־מֹשֶׁה קוֹל  
מִלְחָמָה בַּמַּחֲנֶה:

**17** When Joshua heard the sound of the people in its boisterousness, he said to Moses, “There is a cry of war in the camp.”

**יח** וַיֹּאמֶר אֵין קוֹל עֲנוֹת גְּבוּרָה  
וְאֵין קוֹל עֲנוֹת חִלוּשָׁה קוֹל עֲנוֹת  
אַנְכִי שִׁמְעִ:

**18** But he answered,  
“It is not the sound of the tune of triumph,  
Or the sound of the tune of defeat;  
It is the sound of song that I hear!”

**יט** וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר קָרַב אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה  
וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הָעֵגֹל וּמַחֲלֹת וַיַּחַר־אַף  
מֹשֶׁה וַיִּשְׁלֹךְ מִיָּדוֹ אֶת־הַלְחֹת  
וַיִּשְׁבֵּר אֹתָם תַּחַת הָהָר:

**19** As soon as Moses came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, he became enraged; and he hurled the tablets from his hands and shattered them at the foot of the mountain.

**כ** וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָעֵגֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשׂוּ וַיִּשְׂרֹף  
בְּאֵשׁ וַיִּטְחֵן עַד אֲשֶׁר־דָּק וַיִּזֶר עַל־  
פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם וַיִּשְׁקוּ אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

**20** He took the calf that they had made and burned it; he ground it to powder and strewed it upon the water and so made the Israelites drink it.

## Haftarah for Ki Tisa: I Samuel 8:19-22

*In this week's Torah portion, the Israelites, nervous that Moses has been missing for 40 days, ask Aaron to make for them a God. Aaron assembles a golden calf, made from the Israelite's precious metals. God is quite displeased and Moses smashes the tablets that God has given to Moses, though Moses convinces God to remake some tablets and give the community a second chance.*

*In I Samuel 8, the Israelites many generations later, beg their leader for a King. They have a God, but God is invisible, and they want a leader of flesh and blood. God, as we will soon read, does not believe this is a good idea, but acquiesces to the request nonetheless.*

**יט** וַיִּמְאַנּוּ הָעָם לִשְׁמֹעַ בְּקוֹל שְׁמוּאֵל וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא כִי אִם־מֶלֶךְ יִהְיֶה עָלֵינוּ:

**19** But the people would not listen to Samuel's warning. "No," they said. "We must have a king over us,

**כ** וְהֵייוּ גַם־אֲנַחְנוּ כְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם וְשִׁפְטֵנוּ מִלְּפָנָיו וַיֵּצֵא לְפָנֵינוּ וְנִלְחֵם אֶת־מֶלֶחֶמֶתֵנוּ:

**20** that we may be like all the other nations: Let our king rule over us and go out at our head and fight our battles."

**כא** וַיִּשְׁמַע שְׁמוּאֵל אֵת כָּל־דִּבְרֵי הָעָם וַיִּדְבֹּר בְּאָזְנֵי יְהוָה:

**21** When Samuel heard all that the people said, he reported it to the Eternal.

**כב** וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלָם וְהִמְלַכְתָּ לָהֶם מֶלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־אֲנָשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְכוּ אִישׁ לְעִירוֹ:

**22** And the Eternal said to Samuel, "Heed their demands and appoint a king for them." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "All of you go home."

### Siman Tov

Siman tov umazal tov  
umazal tov v'siman tov  
Y'hei lanu, ul'chol Yisrael.

סימן טוב ומזל טוב.  
ומזל טוב וסימן טוב.  
יהא לנו. ולכל ישראל.

*It is a good and lucky sign for us and all Israel!*

## ***Refuah Shleimah***

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

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Monica Diaz, 46, first college graduate in her family, avid knitter, Leon, Mexico  
Emily Thompson, 37, parent and canine rescue volunteer, Lexington, Kentucky  
Alan Zimm, 99, survived Łódź ghetto and four concentration camps, Richmond, Virginia

## ***We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC***

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DeShawn Francis, 16, Alexandria, Virginia; Pamela Thomas, 54, NE DC;  
Adrian Williams, 28, no fixed address

## ***Shiva***

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Charles Kahn Jr., father of Charles (Chip) Kahn III

## ***Shloshim***

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Rick Billingsley, Edgar Cahn, Jane Coates, Andrea Hamos

## ***Yahrzeit***

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Samuel Aron, Tuna Barkey, Marion Katz Baum, Erica Brink, Anne Cox, Nathan Feldman, Diana Ellen Greenwald, John Heavenrich, Steven Jacob, Robert Judson, Leonard Karabell, Abe Kobrin, Doris Korey, Hannah Laipson, Erich Waldemar Larisch, Audrey Liberstein, Herbert Howard Mintz, Josephine Narva, Bob Nielsen, Rachel Paikin, Edward Posner, Anna Reiner-Charval, Manuel Rosen, Philip Schiff, Russell Scott, S. William Simon, Etta Sugarman Weisman, Natalie Westreich

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