

March 5, 2022
2 Adar II, 5782
Shabbat P'kudei

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)



Elohai N'shama

Music and English lyrics by Casey Prusher

Elohai, n'shama shenatata bi, t'hora hi. אֱלֹהֵי, נְשָׁמָה שְׁנַתַּתָּה בִּי, טְהוֹרָה הִיא.
My God, the soul You have given me is pure.

Atah v'ratah, Atah y'tzartah, Atah n'fachtah bi. אַתָּה בְּרָאתָהּ, אַתָּה יְצַרְתָּהּ, אַתָּה נִפְחַתָּהּ בִּי.
You created me, You shaped me, You breathed me into life.

Exodus 40 שמות 40

לָג וַיִּקֶּם אֶת־הַחֲצִיר סָבִיב לַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּמְצָח וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־מָסַךְ שַׁעַר הַחֲצִיר וַיִּבֶל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמְּלָאכָה: 33 And he set up the enclosure around the Tabernacle and the altar, and put up the screen for the gate of the enclosure. When Moses had finished the work,

לָד וַיִּכֶס הָעָנָן אֶת־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה מְלֵא אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן: 34 the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the Eternal filled the Tabernacle.

לֵה וְלֹא־יָכַל מֹשֶׁה לָּבוֹא אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד כִּי־שָׁכַן עָלָיו הָעָנָן וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה מְלֵא אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן: 35 Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled upon it and the Presence of the Eternal filled the Tabernacle.

לו וּבַהֲעֲלוֹת הָעָנָן מֵעַל הַמִּשְׁכָּן יִסְעוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל מַסְעֵיהֶם: 36 When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys;

לז וְאִם־לֹא יֵעָלֶה הָעָנָן וְלֹא יִסְעוּ עַד־יוֹם הָעֲלֹתוֹ: 37 but if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such time as it did lift.

לח כִּי עָנָן יְהוָה עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן יוֹמָם וְאֵשׁ תִּהְיֶה לַיְלָה בּוֹ לְעֵינָי כָּל־בֵּית־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־מַסְעֵיהֶם: 38 For over the Tabernacle a cloud of the Eternal rested by day, and fire would appear in [the cloud] by night, in the view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.

Temple Micah acknowledges our synagogue stands on the traditional territory of the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We pay respect to their elders past and present and recognize their stewardship of this land and the vital contribution of indigenous peoples to this nation we share.

DANIEL G. ZEMEL, Rabbi

JOSHUA BERAHA, Associate Rabbi | STEPHANIE CRAWLEY, Associate Rabbi

BETH WERLIN, Executive Director | DEBRA WINTER, Director of Spiritual Arts

SHARON TASH, Education Director

2829 Wisconsin Ave., NW Washington, DC 20007 | (202) 342-9175 | www.templemicah.org

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.

Haftarah for P'kudei: I Samuel 17:37-50

We read the story of David and Goliath (referred to as “the Philistine”). In parashat P'kudei, there is a strong emphasis on the priestly garments. In this selection from 1 Samuel, we see David make a number of decisions about what to wear in battle. Ultimately, he chooses the clothing that feels most like him, and that leads to his comfort and success.

לז וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד יְהוָה אֱשֶׁר הִצִּילָנִי מִיַּד הָאֲרִי וּמִיַּד הַדָּב הוּא יִצִּילָנִי מִיַּד הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי הַזֶּה וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂאוּל אֶל־דָּוִד לֵךְ וַיהוָה יְהִיֵּךְ עִמָּךְ: 37 “The Eternal,” David went on, “who saved me from lion and bear will also save me from that Philistine.” “Then go,” Saul said to David, “and may the Eternal be with you!”

לח וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ שָׂאוּל אֶת־דָּוִד מִדָּוִו וְנָתַן קֹוֶבַע נְחֹשֶׁת עַל־רֹאשׁוֹ וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ שָׂרִיוֹן: 38 Saul clothed David in his own garment; he placed a bronze helmet on his head and fastened a breastplate on him.

לט וַיַּחְגֵּר דָּוִד אֶת־חֶרְבּוֹ מֵעַל לְמַדְיָו וַיֵּאָל לֶלְכֶת כִּי לֹא־נָסָה וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־שָׂאוּל לֹא אוּכַל לֶלְכֶת בָּאֵלֶּה כִּי לֹא נָסִיתִי וַיִּסְרֵם דָּוִד מֵעֲלָיו: 39 David girded his sword over his garment. Then he tried to walk; but he was not used to it. And David said to Saul, “I cannot walk in these, for I am not used to them.” So David took them off.

מ וַיִּקַּח מִקְלוֹ בְּיָדוֹ וַיִּבְחַר־לּוֹ חֲמִשָּׁה חֲלָקֵי־אֲבָנִים אֶמְוַחֵל וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתָם בְּכִלֵּי הָרֶעִים אֲשֶׁר־לּוֹ וַיִּבְלַקוּט וְקִלְעוֹ בְּיָדוֹ וַיִּגֶשׁ אֶל־הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי: 40 He took his stick, picked a few smooth stones from the wadi, put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag and, sling in hand, he went toward the Philistine.

מא וַיֵּלֶךְ הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי הַלֵּךְ וְקָרַב אֶל־דָּוִד וְהָאִישׁ נָשָׂא הַצָּנָה לְפָנָיו: 41 The Philistine, meanwhile, was coming closer to David, preceded by his shield-bearer.

מב וַיִּבֹט הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי וַיִּרְאֶה אֶת־דָּוִד וַיִּבְזֶהוּ כִּי־הָיָה נָעַר וְאֲדָמָנִי עָם־יָפָה מֵרְאָה: 42 When the Philistine caught sight of David, he scorned him, for he was but a boy, ruddy and handsome.

מג וַיֹּאמֶר הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אֶל־דָּוִד הַכֶּלֶב
אֲנִכִּי כִּי־אַתָּה בָּאֵלַי בַּמִּקְלוֹת
וַיִּקְלַל הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אֶת־דָּוִד בְּאֱלֹהָיו :

43 And the Philistine called out to David,
“Am I a dog that you come against me
with sticks?” The Philistine cursed David
by his gods;

מד וַיֹּאמֶר הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אֶל־דָּוִד לָכֵה
אֵלַי וְאַתָּנָה אֶת־בְּשָׂרְךָ לְעוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְבֵהֶמַת הַשָּׂדֶה :

44 and the Philistine said to David,
“Come here, and I will give your flesh to
the birds of the sky and the beasts of the
field.”

מה וַיֹּאמֶר דָּוִד אֶל־הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אַתָּה
בָּא אֵלַי בַּחֶרֶב וּבַחֲנִית וּבַכִּידּוֹן
וְאֲנִכִּי בָאֵלַי בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת
אֱלֹהֵי מִעְרָכוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר
חָרַפְתָּ :

45 David replied to the Philistine, “You
come against me with sword and spear
and javelin; but I come against you in the
name of the Eternal of Hosts, the God of
the ranks of Israel, whom you have
defied.

מו הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה יִסְגְּרֶךָ יְהוָה בְּיָדִי
וְהַכִּיתֶךָ וְהִסְרֹתִי אֶת־רֹאשְׁךָ
מֵעַלְיֶךָ וְנָתַתִּי פָגֶר מִחַנֵּה פְּלִשְׁתִּים
הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה לְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּלְחַיֵּת
הָאָרֶץ וַיִּדְעוּ כָּל־הָאָרֶץ כִּי יֵשׁ
אֱלֹהִים לְיִשְׂרָאֵל :

46 This very day the Eternal will deliver
you into my hands. I will kill you and cut
off your head; and I will give the
carcasses of the Philistine camp to the
birds of the sky and the beasts of the
earth. All the earth shall know that there
is a God in Israel.

מז וַיִּדְעוּ כָּל־הַקָּהָל הַזֶּה כִּי־לֹא
בַּחֶרֶב וּבַחֲנִית יְהוֹשִׁיעַ יְהוָה כִּי
לִיהוָה הַמַּלְחָמָה וְנָתַן אֶתְכֶם
בְּיַדְנוּ :

47 And this whole assembly shall know
that the Eternal can give victory without
sword or spear. For the battle is the
Eternal's, and God will deliver you into
our hands.

מח וְהָיָה כִּי־קָם הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי וַיִּלְךְ
וַיִּקְרַב לְקִרְבַּת דָּוִד וַיִּמָּהַר דָּוִד
וַיִּרַץ הַמַּעְרָכָה לְקִרְבַּת הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי :

48 When the Philistine began to advance
toward him again, David quickly ran up
to the battle line to face the Philistine.

מט וַיִּשְׁלַח דָּוִד אֶת־יָדוֹ אֶל־הַכֶּלִּי
וַיִּקַּח מִשָּׁם אֶבֶן וַיִּקְלַע וַיִּךְ אֶת־
הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי אֶל־מִצְחוֹ וַתִּטְבַּע הָאֶבֶן
בְּמִצְחוֹ וַיִּפֹּל עַל־פָּנָיו אֶרְצָה :

49 David put his hand into the bag; he
took out a stone and slung it. It struck the
Philistine in the forehead; the stone sank
into his forehead, and he fell face down
on the ground.

נ וַיַּחֲזֵק דָּוִד מִן־הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי בַקֶּלַע
וּבָאֶבֶן וַיִּךְ אֶת־הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי וַיִּמָּתְהוּ
וְחָרַב אֵין בְּיַד־דָּוִד :

50 Thus David bested the Philistine with
sling and stone; he struck him down and
killed him. David had no sword...

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.

Refuah Shleimah

Emily Alpern-Fisch, Alan Appel, Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Randi Braverman, Michael Brenner, Ellen Buckley, Rose Burstin, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, Sallylou Cloyd, Netanel Felber, Chelo Fournier, Marlene Garnett, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, David Hahn, Judy Hurvitz, Jennifer Jaye, Martha Lessman Katz, Joan Kupferberg, Wasu Lawal, Philip Levine, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenegger, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Sophie Meyers, Lynda Mulhauser, Robin Parry, Rachel bat Chava, Lois Rosen, Eric Rosenberg, Rabbi Steve Sager, Sarah Golde bat Shifrah, David Scheever, Charles Schusheim, Cynthia Seymour, Sam Sinkler, Betty Ustun, Heather Weisman, Mimi Wolf

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

T.S. Shanbhag, 84, secondhand bookstore owner, Bangalore, India
Miriam Arlet Diaz, 29, receptionist who loved baking with nieces and nephews, Layton, Utah
James Summers, 37, father of nine, Baltimore, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Demetris Johnson, 21, SE DC; Michael Whitehead, 32, Hyattsville, MD

Condolences

Susan Maltz Schultz, cousin of Dean Brenner

Shiva

Stanley Talpers, brother-in-law of Helene and Gene Granof

Shloshim

Charles Kahn Jr.

Yahrzeit

Naomi Blumberg, Carley Broder, Lilyan Brown, Robert Brunner, Jane Busker, Elizabeth Claster, Thomas Coates, Lenore Coral, Leon Glick, Robert Jay Greene, Manya Grossman, Stephanie Hadley, Ruth A. Halpern, Ida Heftman, Stuart Kirsh, Anna Klinger, Gerald Liebenau, Gail Faber McDonald, Mildred Saracco, Betty Ann Schooler, David Schwartz, Eugene Seelig, Jerome Silver, Minnie Skoler, Susan Skoller, Minnie Steinberg, Freddie Traum, Albert Warren, Sylvia Waxman, Fred Wegner

Hinei Ma Tov

Hinei ma tov u'ma na-im
shevet achim gam yachad.

הִנֵּה מַה-טוֹב וּמַה-נְּעִים
שֵׁבֶת אַחִים גַּם-יַחַד.

How good it is; how sweet it is, to be together on this day.