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Shabbat Tazria/Shabbat HaChodesh

*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 Celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Hymes

- Aliyah I.....Bill Hymes, Rich Hymes, Matt Hymes, Mike Hymes,
Jeff and Leslie Kessler, Kenny Kessler and
Jess Lewin, Adam and Deena Kessler, Jason Kessler
- Aliyah II.....Jon and Kim Hymes
- Aliyah III.....Rebecca Hymes
- Hagbah.....Bill Hymes
- Gelilah.....Bev Krocker
- Petichah.....Ben Hymes

Asher Yatzar: Beautiful and Broken
Music and English lyrics by Dan Nichols

I thank You for my life, body and soul
Help me realize I am beautiful and whole
I'm perfect the way I am, and a little broken too
I will live each day as a gift I give to You.

Baruch Atah Adonai, rofeih chol basar umafla laasot. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ רוֹפֵא כָּל בָּשָׂר וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת.

Blessed are you, Adonai, who heals all flesh, working wondrously.

Leviticus ויקרא 13

ט וְנִגַע צֹרְעַת כִּי תִהְיֶה בְּאָדָם וְהוֹבִיֵא אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן: 9 When a person has a scaly affection, it shall be reported to the priest.

י וְרָאָה הַכֹּהֵן וְהִנֵּה שְׂאֵת־לְבָנָה בְּעוֹר וְהָיָא הַפֶּקֶה שְׂעָר לָבָן וּמַחִית בָּשָׂר חַי בַּשְּׂאֵת: 10 If the priest finds on the skin a white swelling which has turned some hair white, with a patch of undisciplored flesh in the swelling,

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יא צִרְעַת נוֹשֶׁנֶת הוּא בְּעוֹר בְּשָׂרוֹ וְטִמְאָו הִכְהִין לֹא יִסְגְּרוּנוּ כִּי טָמֵא הוּא: **11** it is chronic leprosy on the skin of the body, and the priest shall pronounce the person impure; being impure, that person need not be isolated.

יב וְאִם־פָּרוּחַ תִּפְרָח הַצִּרְעַת בְּעוֹר וְכִסְתָּהּ הַצִּרְעַת אֶת כָּל־עוֹר הַנֶּגַע מִרֹאשׁוֹ וְעַד־רַגְלָיו לְכָל מַרְאֵה עֵינָי הִכְהִין: **12** If the eruption spreads out over the skin so that it covers all the skin of the affected person from head to foot, wherever the priest can see—

יג וְרָאָה הִכְהִין וְהִנֵּה כִסְתָּהּ הַצִּרְעַת אֶת־כָּל־בְּשָׂרוֹ וְטָהַר אֶת־הַנֶּגַע כִּלּוֹ הַפֶּדָּ לָבוֹן טָהוֹר הוּא: **13** if the priest sees that the eruption has covered the whole body—he shall pronounce as pure the affected person, who is pure from having turned all white.

יד וּבִלִּים הִרְאִיתָ בּוֹ בְּשָׂר חַי וְטָמֵא: **14** But as soon as undiscolorated flesh appears in it, that person shall be impure;

טו וְרָאָה הִכְהִין אֶת־הַבְּשָׂר הַחַי וְטִמְאָו הַבְּשָׂר הַחַי טָמֵא הוּא צִרְעַת הוּא: **15** when the priest sees the undiscolorated flesh, he shall pronounce the person impure. The undiscolorated flesh is impure; it is leprosy.

טז אִם כִּי יָשׁוּב הַבְּשָׂר הַחַי וְנִהְפָּדָ לָלָבוֹן וּבָא אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן: **16** But if the undiscolorated flesh again turns white, that person shall come to the priest,

יז וְרָאָהוּ הִכְהִין וְהִנֵּה נִהְפָּדָ הַנֶּגַע לָלָבוֹן וְטָהַר הִכְהִין אֶת־הַנֶּגַע טָהוֹר הוּא: **17** and the priest shall conduct an examination: if the affection has turned white, the priest shall pronounce as pure the affected person, who is then pure.

Haftarah for Tazria: Proverbs 11:11-13

Parashat Tazria speaks about the skin disease *tza'arat*. Elsewhere in Torah, Miriam and Aaron talk about Moses' wife, Tziporah, behind her back. Miriam is punished with an outbreak of skin disease. We wonder why only Miriam is punished, and not Aaron. Furthermore, there is a strong implication that Miriam and Aaron's criticism of Tziporah has to do with her African heritage. We know today, just as the Torah seems to indicate, that it is entirely inappropriate to criticize someone's racial or ethnic background. Though illness is never a punishment, there must be consequences for racist or prejudicial speech.

In this selection of Proverbs, we read of the importance of honesty in our speech and deeds. The first section asserts that power of righteous deeds and speech can save from death. We understand this metaphorically: doing the right thing may promise clear physical reward, but the satisfaction of doing the right thing can certainly be assured.

יא בְּבִרְכַּת יְשָׁרִים תִּבְנוּ קָרָת וּבְכַף רְשָׁעִים תִּתְהַרֵּס׃ 11 A city is built up by the blessing of the upright, but it is torn down by the speech of the wicked.

יב בְּזֹלָרְעָהוּ חֲסַר־לֵב וְאִישׁ תְּבוּנֹת יַחְרִישׁ׃ 12 One who speaks contemptuously of others is devoid of sense; A prudent person keeps their peace.

יג הוֹלֵךְ רַכִּיל מְגַלֵּה־סוֹד וְנֶאֱמָר׃ רֹחַ מְכַסֶּה דָבָר׃ 13 A base person gives away secrets, but a trustworthy soul keeps a confidence.

Siman Tov

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

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

סִימָן טוֹב וּמָזַל טוֹב.
וּמָזַל טוֹב וְסִימָן טוֹב.
יְהִי לָנוּ. וְלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Shehecheyanu

Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu Melech ha-olam,
Shehecheyanu v'kiymanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Source of blessing, Eternal our God, You fill the universe with majestic might, giving us life, upholding the life within us, and bringing us to this time.

Refuah Shleimah

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

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

René Juárez, 65, one of Mexico's few Black politicians, Guerrero, Mexico

Freda Ocran, 51, psychiatric nurse, New York City, New York

Emory Jackson Wilson III, 42, remembered for his quirky sense of humor, Richmond, Virginia

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Khalil Rich, 16, NE DC

Shloshim

Ginda "Ina" Benenson, Marcia Splaver Preiss, Susan Maltz Schultz

Yahrzeit

Mordecai Ben-David, Leon Brown, Irene Chait, Jerry Cohen, Esther Coplan, Gilbert Cranberg, Rose Wolfe Gesheker, Rose Ginsburg, Ruth Gitlitz, Peter Hoffman, Mildred Kaufman, Claudia Lesnick, Vivian Liebenau, Henry Lipczenko, Glendora Lott, Louise Mach, Irving Mande, Kate Mayblum, Erik Medeby, Jacob Meyers, Warren Mountain, Lotte B. Povar, Samuel Schlein, Joseph Schuman, Leonard Schwall, Tiby Sharlin, Sadie Cooley Shreck, Rose Slater, Daniel Susser, Dorothy Ward

Kaddish Yatom

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba.

B'alma di v'ra chirutei, v'yamlich malchuteih,

b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit

Yisrael, ba'agala uvizman kariv. V'imru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam

v'yitnasei, v'yit'hadar v'yit'aleh v'yit'halal sh'mei

d'kud'sha,

b'rich Hu.

L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata

v'nechemata, daamiran b'alma. V'imru: Amen.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya, v'chayim aleinu v'al

kol Yisrael. V'imru: Amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom aleinu,

v'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei tevel. V'imru: Amen.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרְעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ

בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל

בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי

עֵלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא

וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.

בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרִכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא

וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאָמְרוּ בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ

וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם

עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֶל.

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name. In the world which God created, according to plan. May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime. And the life of all Israel – speedily, imminently, to which we say Amen. Blessed be God's great name to all eternity. Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort, to which we say Amen. May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel, to which we say Amen. May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel, and to all who dwell on earth. To which we say Amen.