

April 23, 2022  
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**Shabbat Acharei Mot**

*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 Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Moran  
and the Naming of Miriam Wallace Howell,  
Daughter of Whitney and Zach Howell***

Passing of the Torah.....Brian Pastor and Wynn Pastor  
Aliyah I.....Benjamin Moran  
Aliyah II .....Sean and Heather Moran  
Aliyah III.....Jonah Moran  
Hagbah .....Mark Pastor  
Petichah I.....Jerry Berman and Bonnie Politz  
Petichah II .....Robin Pastor and Howard Linsk  
Usher .....Alexandra Wisotsky

**Shehecheyanu**

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

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ 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.*

**Leviticus ויקרא 16:1-12**

**א** וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה אַחֲרֵי מוֹת שְׁנֵי בְנֵי אֶהֱרֹן בְּקִרְבָּתָם לִפְנֵי־יְהוָה וַיִּמָּתוּ: **1** The Eternal One spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they drew too close to the presence of the Eternal.

**ב** וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה דַּבֵּר אֶל־אַהֲרֹן אֶחָיִךְ וְאַל־יָבֹא בְּכַלְעֵת אֱלֹהֵי־קֹדֶשׁ מִבַּיִת לִפְרֹכֶת אֶל־פְּנֵי הַכַּפֹּרֶת אֲשֶׁר עַל־הָאָרוֹן וְלֹא יָמוּת כִּי בִעָנִן אֶרְאֶה עַל־הַכַּפֹּרֶת: **2** The Eternal One said to Moses: Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come at will into the Shrine behind the curtain, in front of the cover that is upon the ark, lest he die; for I appear in the cloud over the cover.

**ג** בְּזֹאת יָבֹא אֶהֱרֹן אֶל־הַקֹּדֶשׁ בְּפָרַת בְּרִיבְקָר לְחַטָּאת וְאַיִל לְעֹלָה: **3** Thus only shall Aaron enter the Shrine: with a bull of the herd for a purgation offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

**ד** כְּתַנְת־בֵּד קָדֵשׁ יִלְבָּשׁ  
וּמְכַנְסֵי־בֵד יִהְיוּ עַל־בְּשָׂרוֹ  
וּבְאַבְנֵט בֵּד יַחְגֹּר וּבְמִצְנֶפֶת בֵּד  
יִצְנֹף בְּגָדֵי־קָדֵשׁ הֵם וְרַחֵץ בַּמַּיִם  
אֶת־בְּשָׂרוֹ וּלְבָשָׂם :

4 He shall be dressed in a sacral linen tunic, with linen breeches next to his flesh, and be girt with a linen sash, and he shall wear a linen turban. They are sacral vestments; he shall bathe his body in water and then put them on.

**ה** וּמֵאֵת עֵדֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִקַּח  
שְׁנֵי־שְׁעִירֵי עֲזִים לְחַטָּאת וְאַיִל  
אֶחָד לְעֹלָה :

5 And from the Israelite community he shall take two he-goats for a purgation offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

**ו** וְהִקְרִיב אֶהְרֹן אֶת־פָּר הַחַטָּאת  
אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וְכִפֹּר בְּעֵדוֹ וּבְעֵד בֵּיתוֹ :

6 Aaron is to offer his own bull of purgation offering, to make expiation for himself and for his household.

**ז** וְלָקַח אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִים וְהֶעָמִיד  
אֹתָם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה פֶּתַח אֹהֶל  
מוֹעֵד :

7 Aaron shall take the two he-goats and let them stand before the Eternal at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting;

**ח** וְנָתַן אֶהְרֹן עַל־שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִים  
גִּרְלוֹת גּוֹרָל אֶחָד לַיהוָה וְגּוֹרָל  
אֶחָד לְעֹזָאֵזֶל :

8 and he shall place lots upon the two goats, one marked for the Eternal and the other marked for Azazel.

**ט** וְהִקְרִיב אֶהְרֹן אֶת־הַשְּׁעִיר  
אֲשֶׁר עָלָה עָלָיו הַגּוֹרָל לַיהוָה  
וַעֲשָׂהוּ חַטָּאת :

9 Aaron shall bring forward the goat designated by lot for the Eternal, which he is to offer as a purgation offering;

**י** וְהַשְּׁעִיר אֲשֶׁר עָלָה עָלָיו הַגּוֹרָל  
לְעֹזָאֵזֶל יַעֲמַד־חַי לִפְנֵי יְהוָה  
לְכַפֹּר עָלָיו לְשַׁלַּח אֹתוֹ לְעֹזָאֵזֶל  
הַמִּדְבָּרָה :

10 while the goat designated by lot for Azazel shall be left standing alive before the Eternal, to make expiation with it and to send it off to the wilderness for Azazel.

**יא** וְהִקְרִיב אֶהְרֹן אֶת־פָּר  
הַחַטָּאת אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וְכִפֹּר בְּעֵדוֹ  
וּבְעֵד בֵּיתוֹ וְשַׁחַט אֶת־פָּר  
הַחַטָּאת אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ :

11 Aaron shall then offer his bull of purgation offering, to make expiation for himself and his household. He shall slaughter his bull of purgation offering,

**יב** וְלָקַח מִלֵּאֲהַמְחִתָּה גִּחְלֵי־אֵשׁ  
מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ מִלִּפְנֵי יְהוָה וּמִלֵּא  
חֲפָזָיו קִטְרֹת סַמִּים דִּקְקָה וְהֵבִיא  
מִבֵּית לַפָּרְכָת :

12 and he shall take a panful of glowing coals scooped from the altar before the Eternal, and two handfuls of finely ground aromatic incense, and bring this behind the curtain.

## Haftarah for Acharei Mot: 2 Samuel 1: 20-22

In parashat Acharei Mot, God speaks to Aaron after the death of his two sons, who died suddenly in sacred service. We also read the Holiness Code, including the prohibition and condemnation of gay sex. As a corrective to this reading, the Haftarah celebrates gay love. In this selection, David laments the death of his lover, Jonathan. David speaks generally to the public, celebrating Jonathan's skill as a warrior, and also speaks lovingly of their relationship.

Today, we celebrate love and queer relationships of all forms. All are worthy of honor and respect.

**כ** אֶל־תִּגִּידוּ בְּגַת אֶל־תִּבְשְׂרוּ  
בְּחוּצַת אֲשֶׁקְלוֹן פֶּן־תִּשְׂמַחְנָה  
בְּנוֹת פְּלִשְׁתִּים פֶּן־תִּעְלֶזְנָה בְּנוֹת  
הָעֲרָלִים:

20 Tell it not in Gath, do not proclaim it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistine rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

**כא** הָרִי בְּגִלְבֹּעַ אֶל־טַל וְאֶל־מָטָר  
עֲלֵיכֶם וּשְׂדֵי תְרוּמַת כִּי שָׁם נִגְעַל  
מִגֶּן גִּבּוֹרִים מִגֶּן שָׁאוּל בְּלִי מִשִּׁיחַ  
בְּשֶׁמֶן:

21 O hills of Gilboa— Let there be no dew or rain on you, or bountiful fields, for there the shield of warriors lay rejected, the shield of Saul, polished with oil no more.

**כב** מִדַּם חַלְלִים מִחֶלֶב גִּבּוֹרִים  
קִשְׁתְּ יִהְיוּתָן לֹא נִשּׁוּג אַחֲוֹר  
וְחֶרֶב שָׁאוּל לֹא תִשׁוּב רִיקָם:

22 From the blood of slain, from the fat of warriors— the bow of Jonathan never turned back; the sword of Saul never withdrew empty.

### 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!*

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

### Shehecheyanu

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

ברוך אתה, יי, אלהינו מלך העולם  
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*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***

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Emily Alpern-Fisch, Alan Appel, Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Michael Brenner, Ellen Buckley, Rose Burstin, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, Netanel Felber, Chelo Fournier, Marlene Garnett, Barbara Gayler, Sandy Goldberg, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, David Hahn, Judy Hurvitz, Robin Kaplan, Deborah Kraut, Joan Kupferberg, Wasu Lawal, Lisa Lehman, Philip Levine, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenecker, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, 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, Annette Shaw, Sam Sinkler, Eve Sparberg, Victor Springer, Yolande Spinnato, Betty Ustun, Heather Weisman, Mimi Wolf

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

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Francesco Foltrani, 67, family doctor, Cingoli, Italy  
Jacqueline Paisano, 16, loved hearing music while her family danced, Denver, Colorado  
Sidney Miller II, 89, performer, promoter, and preserver of Black music, Arlington, Virginia

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

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Gregory Burton, 62, NW DC; Darron Holmes, 28, SE DC; John Jones, 26, Temple Hills, MD;  
Tiffany Wiggins, 38, SE DC

## ***Shiva***

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Carol Bernstein Ellin, mother of Nan E. Kaufman; Ellen Jane London, mother of Clem Rastatter;  
Harvey Nathan, brother-in-law of Judy Hadley; Gail Sadick, mother of Sara Williams

## ***Shloshim***

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Stephanie Gregory Mitchell

## ***Yahrzeit***

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Ruth Sonnenblick Appleton, Cyril Bachorik, Louise Brunner, Beatrice Cantor Posner, Leon Chadajo, Patricia Cohn, Pauline Dorfman, Morris Enda, David J. Erlanger, Leon David Freedman, Helen Gaymont, Frank Giles, Harriet Goldman, Isador Asher Goldstein, Abraham Golub, Rabbi Milton Greenwald, Beverly Grusin, Esther Hoffer, Sylvia Jacobson, Arthur Joseph, Irving Karp, Ralph Kartzman, Dorothy Pollack Kirby, Phyllis Lavine, Harold Lipstein, David Melendy, Jack Millstein, Esperanza Pasco, Jane Ryan, Lydia Sablosky, Thomas Sablosky, Morris Gallup Sahr, Irwin Satin, May Shulman Savage, David Schooler, Irwin Schumacher, William Michael Shewchuk, James Stowe, Sophie Tenzer, Ted Wagman, Donna Walker, Ann Weiner, Jonathan Wentworth

## 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 כְרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתָהּ  
בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְיָמֵן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֵלְמֵי וּלְעֵלְמֵי  
עֵלְמֵיָא.  
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא.  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.  
לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא  
וְנִחְמָתָא דְאָמִירוֹן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם  
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל.  
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.*

***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.***

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