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Shabbat Bechukotai

*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 Sam Maurer

Passing of the Torah	Michael Maurer
Aliyah I	Community member
Aliyah II	Mark Maurer
Aliyah III	Sharon Landin, Bill Drummond
Aliyah IV	Michael Maurer, Rachel Sher
Aliyah V	Sam Maurer
Hagbah	Harvey Sher
Gelilah	Andrea Levine, Alan Burch
Petichah	Lily Maurer, Alex Maurer, Arjun Bhat
Usher	Alan Burch, Sasha Goecke, Beth Schneider, Hannah Schneider

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 בֶּשָׂר וּמַפְלִיא לַעֲשׂוֹת

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

Leviticus 27:14-34

יד וְכִי־תִמְכְּרוּ מִמֶּכֶר לַעֲמִיתְךָ **14** If anyone consecrates a house to the Eternal, the priest shall assess it. Whether high or low, as the priest assesses it, so it shall stand;
או קָנָה מִיַּד עַמִּיתְךָ אֶל־תּוֹנוּ
אִישׁ אֶת־אָחִיו:

טו בְּמִסְפַּר שָׁנִים אַחֵר הַיּוֹבֵל **15** and if the one who has consecrated the house wishes to redeem it, one-fifth must be added to the sum at which it was assessed, and then it shall be returned.
תִּקְנָה מֵאֵת עַמִּיתְךָ בְּמִסְפַּר שָׁנֵי־תְבוּאָת יִמְכַר־לָךְ:

טז לְפִי | רַב הַשָּׁנִים תִּרְבֶּה
מִקְנָתוֹ וּלְפִי מְעוֹט הַשָּׁנִים
תִּמְעֵיט מִקְנָתוֹ כִּי מִסֵּפֶר
תִּבּוֹאֵת הוּא מִכָּר לָךְ:

16 If anyone consecrates to the Eternal any land-holding, its assessment shall be in accordance with its seed requirement: fifty shekels of silver to a chomer of barley seed.

יז וְלֹא תוֹנוּ אִישׁ אֶת-עַמִּיתוֹ
וַיִּרְאֶתֶּ מֵאֲלֵהֶיךָ כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

17 If the land is consecrated as of the jubilee year, its assessment stands.

יח וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-חֻקְתִּי
וְאֶת-מִשְׁפָּטֵי תִשְׁמְרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם
אֹתָם וַיִּשְׁבְּתֶם עַל-הָאָרֶץ
לְבַטַּח:

18 But if the land is consecrated after the jubilee, the priest shall compute the price according to the years that are left until the jubilee year, and its assessment shall be so reduced;

יט וְנִתְּנָה הָאָרֶץ פְּרִיָּה
וְאֶכְלֹתֶם לְשִׁבְעַ וַיִּשְׁבְּתֶם לְבַטַּח
עֲלֶיהָ:

19 and if the one who consecrated the land wishes to redeem it, one-fifth must be added to the sum at which it was assessed, and it shall be passed back.

כ וְכִי תֹאמְרוּ מִה-נֹאכַל בְּשָׁנָה
הַשְּׁבִיעִת הֵן לֹא נִזְרַע וְלֹא
נִאֶסַף אֶת-תִּבּוֹאֵתֵנוּ:

20 But if the one [who consecrated it] does not redeem the land, and the land is sold to another, it shall no longer be redeemable:

כא וְצוּיִתִּי אֶת-בְּרֻכְתִּי לָכֶם
בְּשָׁנָה הַשְּׁשִׁית וְעָשְׂתָ
אֶת-הַתִּבּוֹאָה לְשֵׁלֶשׁ הַשָּׁנִים:

21 when it is released in the jubilee, the land shall be holy to the Eternal, as land proscribed; it becomes the priest's holding.

כב וְזִרְעֶתֶם אֶת הַשָּׁנָה הַשְּׁמִינִת
וְאֶכְלֹתֶם מִן-הַתִּבּוֹאָה יָשׁוּן עַד |
הַשָּׁנָה הַתְּשִׁיעִת עַד-בּוֹא
תִּבּוֹאֵתָהּ תֹאכְלוּ יָשׁוּן:

22 If one consecrates to the Eternal land that was purchased, which is not one's land-holding,

כג וְהָאָרֶץ לֹא תִמְכַּר לְצַמְתָּת
כִּי-לִי הָאָרֶץ כִּי-גֵרִים וְתוֹשְׁבֵים
אֹתָם עִמָּדִי:

23 the priest shall compute the proportionate assessment up to the jubilee year, and the assessment shall be paid as of that day, a sacred donation to the Eternal.

כד וּבְכָל אֶרֶץ אֲחֵזְתְּכֶם גְּאֻלָּה
תִּתְּנוּ לְאֶרֶץ:

24 In the jubilee year the land shall revert to the one from whom it was bought, whose holding the land is.

כה כִּי-יִמּוֹד אָחִיךָ וּמְכַר
מֵאֲחֵזְתּוֹ וּבָא גְאֻלוֹ הַקָּרֹב אֵלָיו
וּגְאָל אֶת מִמְכַּר אָחִיו:

25 All assessments shall be by the sanctuary weight, the shekel being twenty gerahs.

כו וְאִישׁ כִּי לֹא יִהְיֶה-לוֹ גֹאֵל
וְהַשִּׁיגָה יָדוֹ וּמִצָּא כְּדִי גֹאֲלָתוֹ:
26 A firstling of animals, however, which—as a firstling—is the Eternal’s, cannot be consecrated by anybody; whether ox or sheep, it is the Eternal’s.

כז וְחָשַׁב אֶת-שְׁנֵי מִמְכָּרוֹ
וְהָשִׁיב אֶת-הָעֶדְף לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר
מָכַר-לוֹ וְשָׁב לְאַחֲזָתוֹ:
27 But if it is of impure animals, it may be ransomed at its assessment, with one-fifth added; if it is not redeemed, it shall be sold at its assessment.

כח וְאִם לֹא-מִצָּאָה יָדוֹ דֵּי
הָשִׁיב לוֹ וְהָיָה מִמְכָּרוֹ בְּיַד
הַקֹּנֵה אֹתוֹ עַד שְׁנַת הַיּוֹבֵל
וְיִצָּא בַּיּוֹבֵל וְשָׁב לְאַחֲזָתוֹ:
28 But of all that anyone owns, be it human or beast or land-holding, nothing that has been proscribed for the Eternal may be sold or redeemed; every proscribed thing is totally consecrated to the Eternal.

כט וְאִישׁ כִּי-יִמְכַר בֵּית-מוֹשָׁב
עִיר חוֹמָה וְהִיָּתָה גֹאֲלָתוֹ
עַד-תֵּם שְׁנַת מִמְכָּרוֹ יָמִים
תִּהְיֶה גֹאֲלָתוֹ:
29 No human being who has been proscribed can be ransomed: that person shall be put to death.

ל וְאִם לֹא-יִגָּאֵל עַד-מְלֹאת לוֹ
שָׁנָה תִּמְיָמָה וְקִסַּם הַבַּיִת
אֲשֶׁר-בְּעִיר אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ] (לֹא)
חֲמָה לְצִמִּיתָת לְקֹנֵה אֹתוֹ
לְדֹרֹתָיו לֹא יֵצֵא בַּיּוֹבֵל:
30 All tithes from the land, whether seed from the ground or fruit from the tree, are the Eternal’s; they are holy to the Eternal.

לא וּבְתֵי הַחֲצָרִים אֲשֶׁר
אֵין-לָהֶם חֲמָה סָבִיב עַל-שְׂדֵה
הָאָרֶץ יִחָשַׁב גֹּאֲלָהּ תִּהְיֶה-לוֹ
וּבַיּוֹבֵל יֵצֵא:
31 If anyone wishes to redeem any tithes, one-fifth must be added to them.

לב וְעֲרֵי הַלְוִיִּם בְּתֵי עָרֵי
אֲחֻזָּתָם גֹּאֲלֹת עוֹלָם תִּהְיֶה
לְלוִיִּם:
32 All tithes of the herd or flock—of all that passes under the shepherd’s staff, every tenth one—shall be holy to the Eternal.

לג וְאֲשֶׁר יִגָּאֵל מִן-הַלְוִיִּם וְיִצָּא
מִמְכָּר-בַּיִת וְעִיר אֲחֻזָּתוֹ בַּיּוֹבֵל
כִּי בְתֵי עָרֵי הַלְוִיִּם הוּא
אֲחֻזָּתָם בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:
33 One must not look out for good as against bad, or make substitution for it. If one does make substitution for it, then it and its substitute shall both be holy: it cannot be redeemed.

לד וּשְׂדֵה מְגִרֵשׁ עָרֵיהֶם לֹא
יִמָּכַר כִּי-אֲחֻזָּת עוֹלָם הוּא
לָהֶם:
34 These are the commandments that the Eternal gave Moses for the Israelite people on Mount Sinai.

Haftarah for Bechukotai: Jeremiah 17:7-10

ז בָּרוּךְ הַגִּבֹּר אֲשֶׁר יִבְטַח בֵּיהוָה 7 Blessed is he who trusts in the LORD,
וְהָיָה יְהוָה מְבֹטָחוֹ: Whose trust is the LORD alone.

ח וְהָיָה כְּעֵץ | שָׁתוּל עַל-מַיִם 8 He shall be like a tree planted by waters,
וְעַל-יּוֹבֵל יִשְׁלַח שָׁרְשָׁיו וְלֹא Sending forth its roots by a stream:
[יִרְאֶה] כִּי-יָבֵא חֹם Its leaves are ever fresh;
וְהָיָה עָלָיו רַעַן וּבִשְׁנַת בְּצָרָת It has no care in a year of drought,
לֹא יִדָּאָג וְלֹא יִמָּישׁ מַעֲשׂוֹת It does not cease to yield fruit.
פְּרִי:

ט עָקֹב הַלֵּב מְכַל וְאָנֵשׁ הוּא מִי 9 Most devious is the heart;
יִדְעֵנוּ: It is perverse—who can fathom it?

י אֲנִי יְהוָה חֹקֵר לֵב בַּחֲן כְּלִיּוֹת 10 I the LORD probe the heart,
וְלִתְּת לְאִישׁ כְּדַרְכּוֹ כְּפָרִי Search the mind—
מַעֲלָלָיו: To repay every man according to his ways,
With the proper fruit of his deeds.

Siman Tov

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

סִימָן טוֹב וּמַזָּל טוֹב
וּמַזָּל טוֹב וְסִימָן טוֹב
יְהֵא לָנוּ. וְלְכָל יִשְׂרָאֵל

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

Shehecheyanu

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

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהֵחַיְנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ 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, Michael Brenner, Ellen Buckley, 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 Lutenegger, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, Lynda Mulhauser, Jumuna Nathan, Robin Parry, Jack Paul, Rachel bat Chava, Lois Rosen, Eric Rosenberg, Sarah Golde bat Shifrah, David Scheever, Charles Schussheim, Cynthia Seymour, Annette Shaw, Sam Sinkler, Eve Sparberg, Victor Springer, Yolande Spinnato, Alan Thal, Betty Ustun, Heather Weisman, Mimi Wolf

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

Vaughn Devos, 90, favorite activity was meeting new people, Birmingham, Alabama
Dorothy Javoroski, 79, an anchor of the community, Iron River, Michigan
Doris Johnson, 94, a true listener, Lawrence, Kansas
Frank Quintanar, 75, a Marfa legend and an awesome dancer, Marfa, Texas

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Anthony Arter, 18, NW DC; Christine Chase, 48, no fixed address;
Ramon Gomez-Yanes, 38, NW DC; Jordan Hill, 20, Oxon Hill, MD;
Ebony Morgan, 42, NW DC; Renard Thornton, 48, NW DC

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Buffalo, NY

Celestine Chaney, 65, Buffalo, NY; Roberta A. Drury, 32, Buffalo, NY; Andre Mackneil, 53, Auburn, NY; Katherine Massey, 72, Buffalo, NY; Margus D. Morrison, 52, Buffalo, NY; Heyward Patterson, 67, Buffalo, NY; Aaron Salter, 55, Lockport, NY; Geraldine Talley, 62, Buffalo, NY; Ruth Whitfield, 86, Buffalo, NY; Pearl Young, 77, Buffalo, NY

Shiva

Jon Goodman, cousin of Micahel Inlander
Pete Reiniger, husband of Arlene Reiniger
Rabbi Steven Sager

Shloshim

Rose Burstin, mother of Helen Burstin
Geneviève Kristensen, mother of Peter Kristensen
Melvin Saferstein, brother of Roberta Goren
Arthur Murray Golden, Marlyn Socolar

Yahrzeit

Emily Adler, Jeanetter Altman, Ruth Altschul, Martin Anenberg, Louis Appleton, Shlomo Haim Bardin, Sarah Blumenfeld, Dorothy Brown, Irving Checkman, Sidney H. Closter, Daniel Michael Effros, Manuel Gitlin, Eleanor Golden, Sidney Goldman, Shirley Kallek, Arthur Karabell, Herbert Lahne, Margaret Matje, Annette Matsil, Suzanne Oppenheimer, Maxine Sablosky, Patricia Ann Schwarz, Sidney A Simon, Joan Soloway, Steven Mark Stein, Lillian Strauss, Kenneth Townsend, Matha Webster, Bella Weiner, James Wheatley, Joseph J. Wolf

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.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרְעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ
בְּחַיֵּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזָמַן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי
עָלְמֵינָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְּקֻדְשָׁא.

בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרִכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחִתָּא
וְנִחַמְתָּא דְּאָמְרוּ בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ 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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