



Numbers במדבר 17:16-24

**טז** וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: **16** The Eternal One spoke to Moses, saying:

**יז** דַּבֵּר | אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְקַח מֵאֵתָם מִטָּה מִטָּה לְבַיִת אָב מֵאֵת כָּל־נְשֵׂיאֵיהֶם לְבַיִת אֲבֹתָם שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר מִטּוֹת אִישׁ אֶת־שְׁמוֹ תִּכְתֹּב עַל־מִטָּהוּ: **17** Speak to the Israelite people and take from them—from the chieftains of their ancestral houses—one staff for each chieftain of an ancestral house: twelve staffs in all. Inscribe each one’s name on his staff,

**יח** וְאֵת שֵׁם אֶהֱרֹן תִּכְתֹּב עַל־מִטָּה לְוִי כִּי מִטָּה אֶחָד לְרֹאשׁ בַּיִת אֲבוֹתָם: **18** there being one staff for each head of an ancestral house; also inscribe Aaron’s name on the staff of Levi.

**יט** וְהִנַּחְתָּם בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לִפְנֵי הָעֵדוּת אֲשֶׁר אֹנֵעַד לָכֶם שָׁמָּה: **19** Deposit them in the Tent of Meeting before the Pact, where I meet with you.

**כ** וְהָיָה הָאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר אֶבְחַר־בּוֹ מִטָּהוּ יִפְרָח וְהִשְׁכַּחְתִּי מֵעַלִּי אֶת־תַּלְנוּת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר יְהִי מְלִינָם עָלֵיכֶם: **20** The staff of the candidate whom I choose shall sprout, and I will rid Myself of the incessant mutterings of the Israelites against you.

**כא** וַיְדַבֵּר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּתְּנוּ אֵלָיו | כָּל־נְשֵׂיאֵיהֶם מִטָּה לְנְשֵׂיאֵי אֶחָד מִטָּה לְנְשֵׂיאֵי אֶחָד לְבַיִת אֲבֹתָם שְׁנַיִם עָשָׂר מִטּוֹת וּמִטָּה אֶהֱרֹן בְּתוֹךְ מִטּוֹתָם: **21** Moses spoke thus to the Israelites. Their chieftains gave him a staff for each chieftain of an ancestral house, twelve staffs in all; among these staffs was that of Aaron.

**כב** וַיִּנַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמִּטּוֹת לִפְנֵי יְהוָה בְּאֹהֶל הָעֵדוּת: **22** Moses deposited the staffs before the Eternal, in the Tent of the Pact.

**כג** וַיְהִי מִמָּחֳרַת וַיָּבֵא מֹשֶׁה אֶל־אֶהָל הָעֵדוּת וְהִנֵּה פָּרַח מִטֵּה־אֶהָרֹן לְבַיִת לַיהוָה וַיֵּצֵא פָּרַח וַיִּצְץ צִיץ וַיִּגְמַל שְׂקָדִים:

23 The next day Moses entered the Tent of the Pact, and there the staff of Aaron of the house of Levi had sprouted: it had brought forth sprouts, produced blossoms, and borne almonds.

**כד** וַיֵּצֵא מֹשֶׁה אֶת־כָּל־הַמַּטֵּה מִלִּפְנֵי יְהוָה אֶל־כָּל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּרְאוּ וַיִּקְחוּ אִישׁ מִטֵּהוּ:

24 Moses then brought out all the staffs from before the Eternal to all the Israelites; each identified and recovered his staff.

## Haftarah for Korach: 1 Samuel 8:10-22

### Before the 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.*

In Parashat Korach, we read the story of a group of men, Korach and his “band,” who challenge the leadership of Moses and Aaron, to their own demise. Yet Korach and his band ask good questions: what qualifies someone for leadership? Why can't power be shared? In this selection from 1 Samuel 8, the Israelites have challenged the existing concept of divine leadership, asking for a human leader, a king. God, through Samuel, warns the people of the dangers of a king, and when the people remain unswayed, God gives the people a king.

**א** וַיֹּאמֶר שְׂמוּאֵל אֵת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה אֶל־הָעָם הַשֹּׂאֲלִים מֵאִתּוֹ מֶלֶךְ:

10 Samuel reported all the words of the Eternal to the people, who were asking him for a king.

**ב** וַיֹּאמֶר זֶה יִהְיֶה מִשְׁפֵּט הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר יִמְלֹךְ עֲלֵיכֶם אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם יִקַּח וְשָׂם לוֹ בְּמִרְכָּבָתוֹ וּבְפָרָשָׁיו וְרָצוּ לִפְנֵי מִרְכָּבָתוֹ:

11 He said, “This will be the practice of the king who will rule over you: He will take your sons and appoint them as his charioteers and horsemen, and they will serve as outrunners for his chariots.

**ג** וְלָשׂוּם לוֹ שָׂרֵי אֲלָפִים וְשָׂרֵי חֲמִשָּׁים וְלַחֲרֹשׁ חֲרִישׁוֹ וְלִקְצֹר קְצִירוֹ וְלַעֲשׂוֹת כְּלֵי־מִלְחָמָתוֹ וּכְלֵי רֶכֶב:

12 He will appoint them as his chiefs of thousands and of fifties; or they will have to plow his fields, reap his harvest, and make his weapons and the equipment for his chariots.

**ד** וְאֶת־בָּנוֹתֵיכֶם יִקַּח לְרֻקְחֹת וּלְטַבָּחוֹת וּלְאֹפּוֹת:

13 He will take your daughters as perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

ז וְאֶת־שְׂדֵדוֹתֵיכֶם וְאֶת־כַּרְמֵיכֶם וְזֵיתֵיכֶם הַטּוֹבִים יִקַּח וְנָתַן לְעַבְדָּיו: 14 He will seize your choice fields, vineyards, and olive groves, and give them to his courtiers.

ח וְזֵרְעֵיכֶם וְכֶרְמֵיכֶם יַעֲשֶׂה וְנָתַן לְסָרִיסָיו וְלְעַבְדָּיו: 15 He will take a tenth part of your grain and vintage and give it to his eunuchs and courtiers.

ט וְאֶת־עַבְדֵיכֶם וְאֶת־שִׁפְחוֹתֵיכֶם וְאֶת־בְּחֹרֵיכֶם הַטּוֹבִים וְאֶת־חֲמֹרֵיכֶם יִקַּח וַעֲשֶׂה לְמַלְאכָתּוֹ: 16 He will take your male and female slaves, your choice young men, and your asses, and put them to work for him.

י צֹאנְכֶם יַעֲשֶׂה וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ־לוֹ לְעַבְדִּים: 17 He will take a tenth part of your flocks, and you shall become his slaves.

יא וְזָעַקְתֶּם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא מִלִּפְנֵי מַלְכְּכֶם אֲשֶׁר בָּחַרְתֶּם לָכֶם וְלֹא־יַעֲנֶה יְהוָה אֶתְכֶם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא: 18 The day will come when you cry out because of the king whom you yourselves have chosen; and God will not answer you on that day.”

כ וַיִּמָּאֲנוּ 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,

ט וְהֵייוּ גַם־אֲנַחְנוּ כְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם וְשִׁפְטָנוּ מִלְּפָנָיו וַיֵּצֵא לִפְנֵינוּ וְנִלְחַם אֶת־מִלְחַמֹּתָנוּ: 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.”

י וַיִּשְׁמַע שְׁמוּאֵל אֶת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי הָעָם וַיִּדְבֶּרֶם בְּאָזְנֵי יְהוָה: 21 When Samuel heard what the people had said, he reported it to the Eternal.

יא וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל שְׁמַע בְּקוֹלָם וְהִמְלַכְתָּ לָהֶם מֶלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל־אֲנָשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל לָכוּ 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.”

#### After the 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***

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Emily Alpern-Fisch, Alan Appel, Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Howard Berman, Michael Brenner, Ellen Buckley, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, Netanel Felber, Chelo Fournier, Aubrey Garber, Marlene Garnett, Barbara Gayler, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, David Hahn, Judy Hurvitz, Robin Kaplan, 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, Irving Swatzburg, Alan Thal, Betty Ustun, Mimi Wolf

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

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Gregory Areshian, 71, archaeologist, discovered world's oldest winery, Yerevan, Armenia  
Carol Ann Cooper, 60, enjoyed disco dancing, traveling, and her pool parties, Conroe, Texas  
Stephen F. Williams, 83, judge, author, and Army Reservist, Washington, DC

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

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Deandre Coleman, 16, SE DC; Terrell Gerald Johnson, 41, SE DC; Israel Minger, 27, NE DC;  
Christian Gabriel Monje, 29, Fairfax, VA; Chase Poole, 15, NW DC; Dimaris Smith, 42, SE DC

## ***Shloshim***

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William Yale Dick; Stephen F. Eilperin; Sandra Goldberg; Deborah Aviva Kraut

## ***Yahrzeit***

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Robert Berner, Richard Thomas Buerkle, Barbara Daniels, Milton Effros, Sarah A. Ferreira, Matthew Greenberg, Anna Hadley, Sidney Katz, Bertram Klein, Henrietta Komisar, Freda Kovey, Olga Lehmann, Henry Lipman, Barry Pessin, William Ransohoff, Donald Rolnick, Virginia K. Rosenbaum, Edward Isaac Salkovitz, Evelyn Saunders, Cecile Schifferes, Martin C. Sloan, Shirley Springer, Nathan Valasky, Margaret Ann Williams, Jonathan Winter

## 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 כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ  
בְּחַיִּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי  
עֵלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחִתָּא  
וְנִחַמְתָּא דְאָמִירוֹן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו 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.*

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