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Shabbat Chukat

*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)*



Miriam HaNeviah

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Miriam HaNeviah oz v'zimra b'yadah
Bimheira b'yameinu hi teveinu el mei hayeshua

Miriam, tirkod itanu l'hagdil zimrat olam
Miriam, tirkod itanu l'takein et haolam

Bimheira b'yameinu hi teveinu el mei hayeshua.

Miriam, the prophetess
strength and song are in her hands

Soon, and in our time, she will bring us
To the waters of redemption

מִרְיָם הַנְּבִיאָה עַז וּזְמָרָה בִּזְדָּחָה
בָּמָהָרָה בִּימֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאָנוֹ אֶל מֵי הַשׁוּעָה

מִרְיָם תְּرֻקֵּד אֲתָנוּ לְהַגְּדִיל זִמְרַת עַולָּם
מִרְיָם תְּרֻקֵּד אֲתָנוּ לְמַקֵּן אֶת-הַעוֹלָם

בָּמָהָרָה בִּימֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאָנוֹ אֶל מֵי הַשׁוּעָה.

Miriam will dance with us
to strengthen the world's song
Miriam will dance with us to heal the world

Soon, and in our time, she will bring us
To the waters of redemption

Numbers 19:1-10

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל-אַהֲרֹן:

**ב זֶאת תְּקַתֵּת מִתְוָרָה אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה
יְהוָה לְאֹמֶר דָּבָרًا אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וַיֹּקְרֵב אֶל-יךְ פָּרָה אֲדָמָה תְּמִימָה
אֲשֶׁר אִירְבֶּה מָוָم אֲשֶׁר לְאַעֲלָה
עַלְיָה עַל:**

**ג וַיִּתְמַצֵּט אָתָה אֶל-אֱלֹעֵזֶר הַכֹּהֵן
וְהַזָּבִיא אָתָה אֶל-מְחוֹזֶה לְמִתְחָנֶה
וּשְׁחַטֵּת אָתָה לְפָנָיו:**

**ד וְלֹקַח אֶל-עֵזֶר הַכֹּהֵן מִדְמָה
בְּאַצְבָּעָו וְהַזָּה אֶל-נְכָחֶךָ פָּנָי
אֶל-מוֹעֵד מִדְמָה שְׁבַע פָּעָמִים:**

1 The Eternal One spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying:

2 This is the ritual law that the Eternal has commanded: Instruct the Israelite people to bring you a red cow without blemish, in which there is no defect and on which no yoke has been laid.

3 You shall give it to Eleazar the priest. It shall be taken outside the camp and slaughtered in his presence.

4 Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and sprinkle it seven times toward the front of the Tent of Meeting.

**ה וְשַׁרֵּף אֶת-הַפְּרָה לְעֵינָיו אֶת-עֲרָבָה
וְאֶת-בָּשָׂרָה וְאֶת-דְּמָה עַל-פְּרָשָׁה
יִשְׁרָף:**

5 The cow shall be burned in his sight—
its hide, flesh, and blood shall be
burned, its dung included—

**וְלֹקֶח הַכֹּהן עֵץ אָרוֹן וְאָזָוב וְשָׂנִי
תוֹלְעָת וְהַשְׁלֵיך אֶל-תֹּוך שְׁרָבָת
הַפְּרָה:**

6 and the priest shall take cedar wood,
hyssop, and crimson stuff, and throw
them into the fire consuming the cow.

**ז וְכִבֵּס בְּגָדָיו הַכֹּהן וּרְחֵץ בְּשָׁרוֹ
בְּמִים וְאַחֲרֵי יִבָּא אֶל-הַמִּחְנָה וְטֻמֵּא
הַכֹּהן עַד-הָעָרָב:**

7 The priest shall wash his garments and
bathe his body in water; after that the
priest may reenter the camp, but he shall
be impure until evening.

**ח וְהַשְׁבֵּר אֶת-הַיּוֹכְבֵּס בְּגָדָיו בְּמִים
וּרְחֵץ בְּשָׁרוֹ בְּמִים וְטֻמֵּא עַד-הָעָרָב:**

8 The one who performed the burning
shall also wash those garments in water,
bathe in water, and be impure until
evening.

**ט וְאַסְף אִיש טָהֹר אֶת-אָפָר
הַפְּרָה וְהַגִּיח מְחוֹזָץ לְמִחְנָה בָּمָקוֹם
וְהִיְתָה לְעֹלָת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמִשְׁמָרָת
לְמַיִּינָה מְטֻאת הָוָא:**

9 Another party who is pure shall gather
up the ashes of the cow and deposit
them outside the camp in a pure place, to
be kept for water of lustration for the
Israelite community. It is for purgation.

**י וְכִבֵּס הַאֲסֵף אֶת-אָפָר הַפְּרָה
אֶת-בְּגָדָיו וְטֻמֵּא עַד-הָעָרָב וְהִיְתָה
לְבָנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלִגְעָר הַגָּר בְּתוֹךְ
לְחַקְתַּת עוֹלָם:**

10 The one who gathers up the ashes of
the cow shall also wash those clothes
and be impure until evening.

Haftarah for Chukat: 1 Samuel 19: 8-18

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 Chukat, Miriam dies, and the Israelites lose their sources of water. The loss of this prophet comes with the potential for the loss of life for their congregation.

In this Haftarah selection, we see the craftiness of Michal, one of David's wives. When King Saul threatens David's life, it is Michal who comes to his aid. She alerts David to the danger he is in, and devises a plan that enables him to escape to safety. She then creates a mannequin, hoping to fool Saul's soldiers, and lying to save her own life. We reflect on the importance of women in our communities: their ability to create and to sustain life.

ח וְתֹסֶף הַמִּלחָמָה לְהַיּוֹת וַיֵּלֶא
דָּזֵד וַיַּלְחַם בְּפָלָשְׁתִּים וַיַּךְ בְּהַט
מִכְהָ גְּדוּלָה וַיַּגַּסֵּו מִפְנֵיו :

8 Fighting broke out again. David went out and fought the Philistines. He inflicted a great defeat upon them and they fled before him.

ט וְתֵהִי רֹום יְהוָה וְרֹעה
אֶל-שָׂאוֹל וְהַיָּא בְּבֵיתו יִשְׁבֶּן
וְחִנִּיתֹ בְּיַדְוֹ וְדָזֵד מִנְגָּנוֹ בְּיַד :

י וַיַּבְקַשׁ שָׂאוֹל לְהַכּוֹת בְּחִנִּית
בְּדָזֵד וּבְקִיר וַיַּפְתַּר מִפְנֵי שָׂאוֹל
וְיַךְ אֲתִיהָחַנִּית בְּקִיר וְדָזֵד נָס
וַיִּמְלַט בְּלִילָה הוּא :

יא וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל מְלָאכִים
אֶל-בֵּית דָזֵד לְשֻׁמְרוֹ וְלַהֲמִיתוֹ
בְּבִקְר וְתַגֵּד לְדָזֵד מִיכְלָאַשְׁתָּו
לְאָמֹר אָסִיאַנְךָ מִמְלְטָא תַּעֲפַשׂ
הַלִּילָה מִחרְאָתָה מוֹמָת :

יב וַתַּרְאֵד מִיכְלָאַשְׁתָּו בְּعֵד
מְחֹלוֹן וַיַּלְךְ וַיַּבְרַח וַיִּמְלַט :

יג וַתָּקַח מִיכְלָאַשְׁתָּו בְּרָפִים
וַתִּשְׁטַח אֶל-הַמְּטָה וְאֶת כְּבִיר
הָעָזִים שְׁמָה מַרְאָשָׁתָיו וַתְּכַס
בְּבִגְד :

יד וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל מְלָאכִים לְקַחַת
אֲתִדְזֵד וְתַאֲמֵר חֲלָה הוּא :

טו וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל אֲתִיהָמְלָאַכִּים
לְרֹאֹת אֲתִדְזֵד לְאָמֹר הָעִלוֹ אָתָּו
בְּמִפְּתָח אַלְיִי לְהַמְתוֹן :

טז וַיָּבֹא הַמְּלָאכִים וְהִנֵּה
הַרְפָּים אֶל-הַמְּטָה וּכְבִיר
הָעָזִים מַרְאָשָׁתָיו :

14 Saul sent messengers to seize David; but she said, “He is sick.”

15 Saul, however, sent back the messengers to see David for themselves. “Bring him up to me in the bed,” he ordered, “that he may be put to death.”

16 When the messengers came, they found the household idol in the bed, with the net of goat’s hair at its head.

**17 ז' וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂאול אֲלֵיכָל לִמְהָ
בְּכָה רְמִיתָנִי וַתִּשְׁלַחַנִּי אֶת־אַיִּבִי
וַיִּמְלַט וַתֹּאמֶר מִיכָּל אֶל־שָׂאול
הַוָּא־אָמַר אֱלֹהִים שְׁלַחְנִי לִמְהָ**

אִמְיתָךְ :

**18 י' חִזְׁדָּד בָּרָח וַיִּמְלַט וַיָּבֹא אֶל־
שְׁמוֹאֵל הַרְמָתָה וַיַּגְדְּלָו אֶת כָּל־
אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה־לָו שָׂאול וַיַּלְךְ הוּא
וַשְּׁמוֹאֵל וַיִּשְׁבֹּן בְּנִיוֹת :**

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

Esteban Yáñez Pazos, 35, actor and blogger, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Earl Miller, 85, found ketchup a little spicy, enjoyed card games, International Falls, Minnesota

Gerald Slater, 86, public television producer, Washington, DC

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Blu Bryant, 15, NW DC; Jason Ford, 45, NW DC; Markel Ford, 23, NE DC;

Taniya Jones, 16, Brandywine, MD; Kyndall Myers, 18, District Heights, MD;

Darrius Watts, 29, Laurel, MD

Condolences

Beverly G. Ferreira, grandmother of Jeannelle D'Isa, great-grandmother of Noel D'Isa

Shiva

Rabbi Stanley Nash; Gladys Shenner Riskind, mother of Jonathan Riskind

Shloshim

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

Yahrzeit

Rachel Abrams, Herbert Brand, Abraham Broide, Rose Brown, Phil Cohen,
Susan Dorfman Levin, Milton Field, Edward Forgotson, Josephine Furr, Sophy Goldberg,
Jane Goldstein, Linda Goldstein, Bernice Gordon, Morton Gordon, Saul Grubin, Larisa Itina,
Abner Mikva, Harvey Nassau, Nikki Perry, Murray David Poller, Ruth Reiniger, Lillian Sacks,
Dorothy Samuel, William Saunders, Yale Schnader, Freda Simon, James Spector,
Roberta Spector, Evelyn Stern, Dan Thomas, Jan Townend, Evelyn Wendel, Samuel Yett

Kaddish Yatom

Yitgadal v'yitkdash 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'ytromam
v'ytinasei, 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 yoshevi tevel. V'imru: Amen.

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, 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.

תִּתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמָה רֶבֶא.
בַּעֲלָמָא דִי בָּרָא כְּרוּוֹתָה וַיִּמְלִיךְ מֶלֶכְוָתָה
בְּחִיכִיכָו וּבְיוּמִיכָו וּבְחִיכִי דָכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזָמוֹן קָרְבִּיב, וְאָמָרוּ אָמָנו.

יְהָא שְׁמָה רֶבֶא מְבָרֵךְ לְעַלְםִים וּלְעַלְמִינִיא.

תִּתְבָּרֵךְ וַיִּשְׁפְּטֵבָח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְرֹומֵם וַיִּתְנְשָׁא.
וַיִּתְהַדֵּר וַיִּתְعַלֵּה וַיִּתְהַלֵּל שְׁמָה דָקְדָשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעַלְאָמָנו כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וּשְׁירַתָּא תְּשִׁבְחָתָא
וּנוֹחַמְתָא דָאָמִירָן בַּעֲלָמָא. וְאָמָרוּ אָמָנו.

יְהָא שְׁלָמָא רֶבֶא מְנוּשָׁמִיא וּחִיכִים עַלְינוּ
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמָרוּ אָמָנו.

עַשְׂתָה שְׁלוּסָם בְּמַרְוּסָיו הָוּא יְעַשָּׂה שְׁלוּסָם
עַלְינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשֵׁבִי תּוֹבֵל.
וְאָמָרוּ אָמָנו.

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