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3 Tammuz, 5782
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

מְרִים הַנְּבִיאָה עוֹז וְזִמְרָה בְּיָדָהּ
בְּמַהֲרָה בְּיָמֵינוּ הִיא תְּבִיאֵנוּ אֶל מֵי הַיְּשׁוּעָה

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

מְרִים תִּרְקֹד אֶתְנוּ לְהַגְדִּיל זִמְרַת עוֹלָם
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Miriam, the prophetess
strength and song are in her hands

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

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Numbers בְּמִדְבָר 19:1-10

א וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל-מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל-אַהֲרֹן
לֵאמֹר: 1 The Eternal One spoke to Moses and
Aaron, saying:

ב זֶאת חֻקַּת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה
יְהוָה לֵאמֹר דַּבֵּר אֶל-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וִיקָחוּ אֵלֵיךְ פָּרָה אֲדָמָה תְּמִימָה
אֲשֶׁר אֵין-בָּהּ מוּם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עָלָה
עָלֶיהָ עֹל: 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.

ג וַיִּתְּתֶם אֹתָהּ אֶל-אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן
וְהוּצִיא אֹתָהּ אֶל-מַחֲוֹץ לְמַחֲנֶה
וְשָחַט אֹתָהּ לְפָנָיו: 3 You shall give it to Eleazar the priest.
It shall be taken outside the camp and
slaughtered in his presence.

ד וְלָקַח אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן מִדָּמָהּ
בְּאֶצְבָּעוֹ וְהִזָּה אֶל-נֹכַח פְּנֵי
אֹהֶל-מוֹעֵד מִדָּמָהּ שֶׁבַע פְּעָמִים: 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 וְשָׂרַף אֶת־הַפָּרָה לְעֵינָיו אֶת־עֹרָהּ
וְאֶת־בְּשָׂרָהּ וְאֶת־דָּמָהּ עַל־פְּרֹשֶׁה
יִשָּׂרָף׃

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

ו וְלָקַח הַכֹּהֵן עֵץ אֶרְזוֹ וְאַזְבִּיב וְשִׁנִּי
תוֹלַעַת וְהִשְׁלִיךְ אֶל־תֹּדֶן שְׂרָפַת
הַפָּרָה׃

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

ז וְכִבֵּס בְּגָדָיו הַכֹּהֵן וְרַחַץ בְּשָׂרוֹ
בַּמַּיִם וְאַחֵר יָבֹא אֶל־הַמַּחֲנֶה וְטָמֵא
הַכֹּהֵן עַד־הָעֶרֶב׃

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 וְהַשָּׂרֵף אֹתָהּ יְכַבֵּס בְּגָדָיו בַּמַּיִם
וְרַחַץ בְּשָׂרוֹ בַּמַּיִם וְטָמֵא עַד־הָעֶרֶב׃

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

ט וְאַסְּף | אִישׁ טָהוֹר אֶת אֲפֵר
הַפָּרָה וְהֵנִיחַ מִחוּץ לַמַּחֲנֶה בְּמָקוֹם
וְהִיטָה לְעֵדוּת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְמִשְׁמֶרֶת
לְמִי נֹדֵה חֲטָאת הוּא׃

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 הָאִשׁוֹף אֶת־אֲפֵר הַפָּרָה
אֶת־בְּגָדָיו וְטָמֵא עַד־הָעֶרֶב וְהִיטָה
לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלִגְר הַגֵּר בְּתוֹכָם
לְחֻקַּת 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 וַתּוֹסֵף הַמִּלְחָמָה לְהִיּוֹת וַיֵּצֵא דָוִד וַיִּלָּחֶם בַּפְּלִשְׁתִּים וַיִּדֹּף בָּהֶם מַכָּה גְדוֹלָה וַיִּנְסוּ מִפָּנָיו : 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 וַתְּהִי רוּחַ יְהוָה אֲרָעָה אֶל־שָׂאוֹל וְהוּא בְּבֵיתוֹ יֹשֵׁב וְחַנִּיתוֹ בְּיָדוֹ וְדָוִד מְנַגֵּן בְּיָד : 9 Then an evil spirit of the Eternal came upon Saul while he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand, and David was playing [the lyre].

י וַיִּבְקֹשׁ שָׂאוֹל לְהַכּוֹת בַּחֲנִית בְּדָוִד וַיִּבְקִיר וַיִּפְטֹר מִפָּנָיו שָׂאוֹל וַיִּדֹּף אֶת־הַחֲנִית בַּקִּיר וְדָוִד נָס וַיִּמָּלֵט בַּלַּיְלָה הַהוּא : 10 Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he drove the spear into the wall. David fled and got away. That night

יא וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל מַלְאָכִים אֶל־בֵּית דָּוִד לְשָׁמְרוֹ וּלְהַמִּיתוֹ בַּבֶּקֶר וַתִּגַּד לְדָוִד מִיְכָל אִשְׁתּוֹ לֵאמֹר אִם־אֵינְךָ מִמַּלְט אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ הַלַּיְלָה מָחָר אֶתֶּה מוּמָת : 11 Saul sent messengers to David's home to keep watch on him and to kill him in the morning. But David's wife Michal told him, "Unless you run for your life tonight, you will be killed tomorrow."

יב וַתִּרְדּוּ מִיְכָל אֶת־דָּוִד בַּעֲדַת הַחֲלוֹן וַיֵּלֶךְ וַיִּבְרַח וַיִּמָּלֵט : 12 Michal let David down from the window and he escaped and fled.

יג וַתִּקַּח מִיְכָל אֶת־הַתְּרָפִים וַתָּשֶׂם אֶל־הַמִּטָּה וְאֵת כְּבִיר הָעֵזִים שָׂמָה מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ וַתִּכְסֵם בַּבֶּגֶד : 13 Michal then took the household idol, laid it on the bed, and covered it with a cloth; and at its head she put a net of goat's hair.

יד וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל מַלְאָכִים לְקַחַת אֶת־דָּוִד וַתֹּאמֶר חָלָה הוּא : 14 Saul sent messengers to seize David; but she said, "He is sick."

טו וַיִּשְׁלַח שָׂאוֹל אֶת־הַמַּלְאָכִים לְרֹאוֹת אֶת־דָּוִד לֵאמֹר הֲעֵלוּ אֵתוֹ בַּמִּטָּה אֵלַי לְהַמִּיתוֹ : 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."

טז וַיָּבֹאוּ הַמַּלְאָכִים וַהֲנִיּוּ הַתְּרָפִים אֶל־הַמִּטָּה וְכַבִּיר הָעֵזִים מִרְאֲשֵׁתוֹ : 16 When the messengers came, they found the household idol in the bed, with the net of goat's hair at its head.

17 וַיֹּאמֶר שָׂאוּל אֶל־מִיכָל לָמָּה
 כָּכָה רָמִיתְנִי וַתְּשַׁלְּחִי אֶת־אִיבִי
 וַיִּמָּלֵט וַתֹּאמֶר מִיכָל אֶל־שָׂאוּל
 הוֹאֵ־אָמַר אֵלַי שְׁלַחְנִי לָמָּה
 אֲמִיתֶךָ :

18 יָחַ וַדָּוִד בָּרַח וַיִּמָּלֵט וַיָּבֵא אֶל־
 שְׁמוּאֵל הַרְמָתָה וַיִּגְדַּלְו אֶת כָּל־
 אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה־לוֹ שָׂאוּל וַיֵּלֶךְ הוּא
 וַיִּשְׁבּוּ בְנֵי־נַיֹוֹת :

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'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
בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמַי
וְלְעָלְמֵי
עֲלְמֵינָא.

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

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנִחַמְתָּא דְאָמִירוֹן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא 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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