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Shabbat Matot

*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)*



## Numbers מִטּוֹת 32:25-32

- 25** נה וַיֹּאמֶר בְּנֵי־גַד וּבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן אֶל־  
מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר עֲבַדִּיךָ יַעֲשׂוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר  
אָדָנִי מִצִּוְיָהּ׃
- 26** נו טַפְּנֵנוּ נְשֵׂינֵנוּ מִקְּנָנֵנוּ וְכָל־בְּהֵמַתָּנֵנוּ  
יִהְיוּ־שָׁם בְּעָרֵי הַגִּלְעָד׃
- 27** נז וְעֲבַדִּיךָ יַעֲבְרוּ כָּל־חֲלוּץ צָבָא לִפְנֵי  
יְהוָה לַמְּלַחְמָה כַּאֲשֶׁר אָדָנִי דִּבֶּר׃
- 28** נח וַיִּצַּו לָהֶם מֹשֶׁה אֶת אֶלְעָזָר  
הַכֹּהֵן וְאֶת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן־נּוּן וְאֶת־רָאשֵׁי  
אֲבוֹת הַמִּטּוֹת לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל׃
- 29** נט וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֲלֵהֶם אִם־יַעֲבְרוּ  
בְּנֵי־גַד וּבְנֵי־רְאוּבֵן אֶת־  
הַיַּרְדֵּן כָּל־חֲלוּץ לַמְּלַחְמָה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה  
וְנִכְבְּשָׁה הָאָרֶץ לִפְנֵיכֶם וּנְתַתֶּם לָהֶם  
אֶת־אֶרֶץ הַגִּלְעָד לְאֶחְזָה׃
- 30** ל וְאִם־לֹא יַעֲבְרוּ חֲלוּצִים אִתְּכֶם  
וְנִאֲחָזוּ בְּתַכְכֶם בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן׃
- 31** לא וַיַּעֲנוּ בְּנֵי־גַד וּבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן לֵאמֹר  
אֵת אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֶל־עֲבַדֶּיךָ כִּן  
נַעֲשֶׂה׃
- 32** לב נַחֲנוּ נַעֲבֹר חֲלוּצִים לִפְנֵי יְהוָה  
אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וְאֶתְּנוּ אֶחְזֵת נַחֲלָתֵנוּ  
מֵעַבְרַת לַיַּרְדֵּן׃

## Haftarah for Matot: 2 Samuel 2:25-29

In Parshat Matot, we learn both about the importance of keeping one's word (the laws of oaths), and about the Israelites' vengeance against the Midianites. At the end of the war, when Moses learns that the women were allowed to live, he is incensed. More people must die, it is decreed, to "cleanse the people of sin." The punishment and violence are intense.

In this new Haftarah selection, Abner asks a poignant question that still rings true: "must the sword devour forever? You know how bitterly it's going to end!" What steps can we take to end the rule of the sword?

- נה** וַיִּתְקַבְּצוּ בְנֵי־בְנֵי־מֶן אַחֲרָי אַבְנֵר וַיְהִיו לְאַגְדָּה אַחַת וַיַּעֲמֵדוּ עַל רֹאשׁ־גִּבְעָה אַחַת: **25** The Benjaminites rallied behind Abner, forming a single company; and they took up a position on the top of a hill.
- נו** וַיִּקְרָא אַבְנֵר אֶל־יוֹאָב וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלֹנְצַח תִּאֲכַל חֶרֶב הַלּוֹא יִדְעָתָה כִּי־מָרָה תִּהְיֶה בְּאַחֲרוֹנָה וְעַד־מָתִי לֹא־תֵאמַר לָעַם לָשׁוּב מֵאַחֲרַי אַחִיָּהֶם: **26** Abner then called out to Joab, "Must the sword devour forever? You know how bitterly it's going to end! How long will you delay ordering your troops to stop the pursuit of their kinsmen?"
- נז** וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹאָב חַי הָאֱלֹהִים כִּי לֹא־דַבַּרְתָּ כִּי אֲזִי מִהַבֹּקֶר נַעֲלָה הָעַם אִישׁ מֵאַחֲרַי אַחִיו: **27** And Joab replied, "As God lives, if you hadn't spoken up, the troops would have given up the pursuit of their kinsmen only the next morning."
- נח** וַיִּתְקַע יוֹאָב בַּשּׁוֹפָר וַיַּעֲמֵדוּ כָּל־הָעָם וְלֹא־יָרְדוּ עוֹד אַחֲרָי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא־יָסְפוּ עוֹד לְהִלָּחֵם: **28** Joab then sounded the horn, and all the troops halted; they ceased their pursuit of Israel and stopped the fighting.
- נט** וַאֲבִנֵּר וְאֲנָשָׁיו הִלְכוּ בְּעַרְבָּה כָּל הַלַּיְלָה הַהוּא וַיַּעֲבְרוּ אֶת־הַיַּרְדֵּן וַיֵּלְכוּ כָּל־הַבְּתָרוֹן וַיָּבֹאוּ מַחֲנֵי־מָהָנַיִם: **29** Abner and his men marched through the Arabah all that night and, after crossing the Jordan, they marched through all of Bithron until they came to Mahanaim.

### *Refuah Shleimah*

Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Michael Brenner, Ellen Buckley, Autumn Iris Callahan, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, David Diskin, Don Elisberg, Netanel Felber, Joan Feld, Chelo Fournier, Aubrey Garber, Barbara Gayler, Sandy Goldberg, Pat Goldman, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, David Hahn, Judy Hurvitz, Robin Kaplan, Joan Kupferberg, Lum Laurri, Mark Laurri, Ron Lazarus, Lisa Lehman, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenegger, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, Robin Parry, Jack Paul, Rachel bat Chava, David Ransoff, Lois Rosen, Eric Rosenberg, Sarah Golde bat Shifrah, David Scheever, Charles Schussheim, Cynthia Seymour, Annette Shaw, Sam Sinkler, Eve Sparberg, Victor Springer, Irving Swatzburg, Alan Thal, Betty Ustun

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

Jaakko Syrjä, 96, former President of the Union of Finnish Writers, Ylöjärvi, Finland  
Martha Hilderbrand, 42, devoted to making the world an accepting place, Atkinson, Wisconsin  
Theodor Corcoran, 61, an oral surgeon for whom patients always came first, Fairfax, Virginia

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

Jaquan Bragg, 27, SE DC; Keonte Broadus-Gallman, 22, Alexandria, VA; Edwardo Cruz, 58, NW DC; Charles Davis, 57, SE DC; Kevin Gill, 22, Greenbelt, MD

## ***Shloshim***

Beverly G. Ferreira; Eileen Kovey Mackler; Norman A. Oshtry; Gladys Shenner Riskind; Louis Alvin Wunnenberg

## ***Yahrzeit***

Carla Berenbaum, Diane Diskin, Louis Gould, David Green, Jack Green, Harold Greenstein, Dorothy Haber, Joshua Harari, Ada Zolla Heavenrich, Helen Herrnstadt, Lorraine Kaufman, Edward I. Klein, Walter Lesnick, Ian McDonald, Cielito Narvasa, Margaret DeWitt Newman, Harold Oppenheim, Judith Oppenheim, Sidney Pollack, Hannah Quint, Kathryn Rastatter, Harry E. Rockower, Doris Saginaw, Robert Sand, Ben Saracco, Bee Schwartz, Aaron Seidman, Dorothy Sheehan, Malcolm Sherwat, Jerome Spingarn, Robert Sugarman, David Umansky, Ernest I. Welles, Cecile Wersenberg, Murray 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 almay.  
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.  
יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי  
עֲלְמֵיָא.  
יְתְבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא  
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.  
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשֻׁבְחָתָא  
וְנִחְמָתָא דְאִמְרֵי בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ  
וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם  
עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵיבֵל.  
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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