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Shabbat Ki Teitzei

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)



Kiddush is hosted by the Shulman family and the Temple Micah Board.

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 umafli laasot.

ברוך אתה יי רופא כל בשר ומפליא לעשות.

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

Deuteronomy דברים 24: 14-18

יד לֹא תַעֲשֶׂק שֹׁכֵר עֲנִי וְאֲבִיּוֹן מֵאַחֶיךָ
אוֹ מִגֵּרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בְּאַרְצְךָ בְּשַׁעֲרֶיךָ : 14 You shall not abuse a needy and destitute laborer, whether a fellow Israelite or a stranger in one of the communities of your land.

טו בְּיוֹמוֹ תִּתֶּן שְׂכָרוֹ וְלֹא תָבֹא עֲלֶיךָ
הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ כִּי עֲנִי הוּא וְאֵלָיו הוּא נֹשֵׂא
אֶת־נַפְשׁוֹ וְלֹא־יִקְרָא עֲלֶיךָ אֶל־הוֹהָה וְהָיָה
בְּךָ חַטָּא : 15 You must pay out the wages due on the same day, before the sun sets, for the worker is needy and urgently depends on it; else a cry to the Eternal will be issued against you and you will incur guilt.

טז לֹא־יוֹמְתוּ אָבוֹת עַל־בְּנֵים וּבְנֵים לֹא־
יוֹמְתוּ עַל־אָבוֹת אִישׁ בְּחַטָּאוֹ יוֹמְתוֹ : 16 Parents shall not be put to death for children, nor children be put to death for parents: they shall each be put to death only for their own crime.

יז לֹא תִטֶּה מִשְׁפַּט גֵּר יְתוֹם וְלֹא תִחַבֵּל
בְּגָד אַלְמָנָה : 17 You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn.

יח וְזָכַרְתָּ כִּי עֶבֶד הָיִיתָ בְּמִצְרָיִם וַיִּפְדֶּךָ
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִשָּׁם עַל־כֵּן אֲנִכִּי מְצִדֶּךָ
לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה : 18 Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and that the Eternal your God redeemed you from there; therefore do I enjoin you to observe this commandment.

Haftarah for the Second Shabbat in Elul: Jeremiah 7:1-7

We continue to prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We engage in the work of t'shuvah, of return and repair. This brief text of Jeremiah is straightforward in its prescriptions: the key to living in peace in our land is through just actions and care for the oppressed. Of course, the beauty of this text is its simple assertion of truth. In reality, we know that enacting repair is both the work that we must do in order to care for our own souls, and communal work to ensure equity for all. Yet the challenges of this work do not mean we should shy from it, particularly in this moment, it is our responsibility to face it with renewed energy.

Blessing 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.

- (א) הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר הָיָה אֶלֶי־רַמְיָהוּ
מֵאֵת יְהוָה לֵאמֹר:
- (1) The word which came to Jeremiah from the Eternal:
- (ב) עֲמַד בְּשַׁעַר בַּיִת יְהוָה וְקִרְאתָ
שָׁם אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה וְאָמַרְתָּ שְׁמֵעוּ
דְּבַר־יְהוָה כָּל־יְהוּדָה הַבָּאִים
בְּשַׁעְרֵי הָאֵלֶּה לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת לַיהוָה:
- (2) Stand at the gate of the House of the Eternal, and there proclaim this word: Hear the word of the Eternal, all you of Judah who enter these gates to worship the Eternal!
- (ג) כֹּה־אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֱלֹהֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵיטִיבוּ דַרְכֵיכֶם וּמַעַלְלֵיכֶם
וְאֲשַׁכַּנְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה:
- (3) Thus said Adonai Tzva'ot, the God of Israel: Mend your ways and your actions, and I will let you dwell in this place.
- (ד) אַל־תִּבְטְחוּ לָכֶם אֶל־דְּבָרֵי הַשֶּׁקֶר
לֵאמֹר הֵיכַל יְהוָה הֵיכַל יְהוָה הֵיכַל
יְהוָה הֵמָּה:
- (4) Do not put your trust in illusions and say, “The Temple of the Eternal, the Temple of the Eternal, the Temple of the Eternal are these [buildings].”
- (ה) כִּי אִם־הֵיטִיב תִּיטִיבוּ
אֶת־דַּרְכֵיכֶם וְאֶת־מַעַלְלֵיכֶם אִם־עָשׂוּ
תַעֲשׂוּ מִשְׁפָּט בֵּין אִישׁ וּבֵין רֵעֵהוּ:
- (5) No, if you really mend your ways and your actions; if you execute justice between one person and another;
- (ו) גֵּר יִתּוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה לֹא תַעֲשִׂקוּ
וְדָם נָקִי אַל־תִּשְׁפְּכוּ בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה
וְאַחֲרֵי אֱלֹהִים אַחֲרָיִם לֹא תִלְכוּ לְרַע
לָכֶם:
- (6) if you do not oppress the stranger, the orphan, and the widow; if you do not shed the blood of the innocent in this place; if you do not follow other gods, to your own hurt—

וְשִׁכַנְתִּי אִתְּכֶם בְּמִקְוֹם הַזֶּה (7) then only will I let you dwell in this place, in
בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְאֲבוֹתֵיכֶם the land that I gave to your fathers for all time.
לְמִן־עוֹלָם וְעַד־עוֹלָם :

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.

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

Ito Kurata, 60, fashion designer, partner, and parent, Mutinlupa, Philippines

Nichelle Tukes, 47, nurse and animal lover, Houston, Texas

John D. Bowen, 89, "human archive," National Archives docent, Colesville, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

David Louis Baker Jr., 31, NE DC; Jermaine Brown, 43, no fixed address; Terrell Felder, 31, no fixed address;

Kendrick Phillips, 30, SE DC; D Angelo Taylor, 36, Suitland, Maryland

Shiva

Bradley Roper; Beverlee Schiff, sister-in-law of Helene Granof

Shloshim

Gita Funston; Joan Feld; Judith Giller-Leinwohl; Robert Lederman; Bill Witte

Yahrzeit

Harold Bernard, John Bielenberg, Jason Black, Richard Coffman, Ronald L. Douglas, Hyman Edelman, Judith Evans, Greta Frankenfeld, Marcia Freedman, Harry Granof, Chester C. Halpern, Susie Kaminsky, Gertrude Klaus, Rhoda Landa, David Landa, Samuel Levine, Carolyn Jane Margolis, Sophie Melman, Albert Mishkin, Walter Page, Barbara Pastor, Marjorie Pokroy, Michael Rifkin, Eleanor Rosenbluth, Albert Sherwat, Mary Fein Shulman, Pearl Simmons, Ethan Stang, Alan Stark, Herman Stekler, Natalie Weinrebe, Howard Wilder, Curtis L. Wrenn, Sr.

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.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.

בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וַיִּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעַלְמֵי עֲלְמֵינָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תִּשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחַמְתָּא דְאָמִירָן
בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמְיוּ הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה 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.