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21 Elul, 5782

Shabbat Ki Tavo

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)



Shabbat Morning with Rabbi Larry Hoffman

Kiddush is hosted by Micah Cooks.

Deuteronomy דברים 26: 1-10

- א** וְהָיָה כִּי־תָבֹא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ נַחֲלָה וַיְרַשְׁתָּהּ וַיִּשְׁבְּתָהּ בָּהּ : **1** When you enter the land that the Eternal your God is giving you as a heritage, and you possess it and settle in it,
- ב** וְלָקַחְתָּ מִרֵאשִׁית | כָּל־פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר תִּבְיֵא מֵאֲרֶצֶךָ אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ וְשָׂמְתָּ בַטֶּנָּא וְהִלַּכְתָּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר יִבְחַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשִׁכְוֹ שְׁמוֹ שָׁם : **2** you shall take some of every first fruit of the soil, which you harvest from the land that the Eternal your God is giving you, put it in a basket and go to the place where the Eternal your God will choose to establish the divine name.
- ג** וּבֵאתָ אֶל־הַכֹּהֵן אֲשֶׁר יְהִי בַיָּמִים הָהֵם וְאָמַרְתָּ אֵלָיו הִגַּדְתִּי הַיּוֹם לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ כִּי־בֵאתִי אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לַאֲבוֹתֵינוּ לָתֵת לָנוּ : **3** You shall go to the priest in charge at that time and say to him, “I acknowledge this day before the Eternal your God that I have entered the land that the Eternal swore to our fathers to assign us.”
- ד** וְלָקַח הַכֹּהֵן הַטֶּנָּא מִיָּדְךָ וְהִנִּיחוֹ לִפְנֵי מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ : **4** The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down in front of the altar of the Eternal your God.
- ה** וְעָנִיתָ וְאָמַרְתָּ לִפְנֵי | יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲרָמִי אֲבִד אָבִי וַיֵּרַד מִצְרַיִם וַיִּגַּר שָׁם בְּמִתֵּי מְעָט וַיְהִי־שָׁם לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל עֲצוּם וְרָב : **5** You shall then recite as follows before the Eternal your God: “My father was a fugitive Aramean. He went down to Egypt with meager numbers and sojourned there; but there he became a great and very populous nation.

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ו וַיַּרְעוּ אֶתְנוּ הַמִּצְרִיִּים וַיַּעֲנוּנוּ וַיִּתְּנוּ עָלֵינוּ עֲבֹדָה קָשָׁה : 6 The Egyptians dealt harshly with us and oppressed us; they imposed heavy labor upon us.

ז וַנִּצְעַק אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וַיִּשְׁמַע יְהוָה אֶת־קִלְנוּ וַיִּרְא אֶת־עֲנִיָּנוּ וְאֶת־עֲמָלְנוּ וְאֶת־לַחֲצֵנוּ : 7 We cried to the Eternal, the God of our ancestors, and the Eternal heard our plea and saw our plight, our misery, and our oppression.

ח וַיּוֹצֵאֵנוּ יְהוָה מִמִּצְרַיִם בְּיַד חֲזָקָה וּבְזֹרַע נְטוּיָה וּבַמַּרְא גָּדֹל וּבְאֹתוֹת וּבַמִּפְתָּיִם : 8 The Eternal freed us from Egypt by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm and awesome power, and by signs and portents,

ט וַיְבִאֵנוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וַיִּתֵּן־לָנוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וּדְבַשׁ : 9 bringing us to this place and giving us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

י וְעַתָּה הִנֵּה הֵבִאתִי אֶת־רֵאשִׁית פְּרִי הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר־נָתַתָּה לִּי יְהוָה וְהִנְחִיתוּ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתָ לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ : 10 Wherefore I now bring the first fruits of the soil which You, Eternal One, have given me.”

Haftarah for the Third Shabbat in Elul: Amos 5:11-15, 21-24

We recognize Amos' words from the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech. How do these words resonate for us today?

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.

(יא) לָכֵן יַעַן בּוֹשְׁסֵכֶם עַל־דָּל וּמִשְׁאֵת־בַּר תִּקְחוּ מִמֶּנּוּ בְּתֵי גִזִּית בְּנִיתֶם וְלֹא־תִשְׁבוּ בָּם כַּרְמֵי־חֶמֶד נִטְעַתֶם וְלֹא תִשְׁתּוּ אֶת־יַיְנֵם : (11) "Surely, because you impose a tax on the poor and exact a levy of grain from him; you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them, you have planted delightful vineyards, but shall not drink their wine.

(יב) כִּי יַדְעִיתִי רַבִּים פְּשָׁעֵיכֶם וְעֲצָמִים חֲטֹאתֵיכֶם צָרְרֵי צָדִיק לְקַחֵי כֹפֶר וְאֲבִיוֹנִים בַּשַּׁעַר הַטּוֹ : (12) For I have noted how many are your crimes, and how countless your transgressions— you enemies of the righteous, you takers of bribes, you who subvert the cause of the needy in the gate!

(יג) לָכֵן הַמְּשִׁכִּיל בָּעֵת הַזֹּאת יִהְיֶה יָדָם כִּי עֵת רָעָה הִיא : (13) Surely, at such a time the prudent person keeps silent, for it is an evil time.

(יד) דַרְשׁוּ טוֹב וְאַל רָע לְמַעַן תַּחֲיֶינּוּ
וְיִהְיֶיכֶן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי צְבָאוֹת אִתְּכֶם
כַּאֲשֶׁר אַמַּרְתֶּם: (14) Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and
that the Eternal, Adonai Tzva'ot, may truly be with
you, as you think.

(טו) שְׂנֵאוּ רָע וְאָהֲבוּ טוֹב וְהִצִּיגוּ
בְשַׁעַר מִשְׁפַּט אֱלֹהֵי יְחֻנּוּ יְהוָה
אֱלֹהֵי צְבָאוֹת שְׂאֵרֵית יוֹסֵף: (15) Hate evil and love good, and establish justice
in the gate; perhaps the Eternal, the God of Hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

(כא) שְׂנֵאתִי מַאֲסֹתֵי חַגֵּיכֶם וְלֹא
אָרִיחַ בְּעֲצֵרֹתֵיכֶם: (21) I loathe, I spurn your festivals, I am not
appeased by your solemn assemblies.

(כב) כִּי אִם־תַּעֲלוּ־לִי עֹלוֹת
וּמִנְחֹתֵיכֶם לֹא אֶרְצֶה וְשֶׁלֶם
מְרִיאֵיכֶם לֹא אֶבִּיט: (22) If you offer me burnt offerings—or your meal
offerings—I will not accept them; I will pay no
heed to your gifts of fatlings.

(כג) הֲסֹר מֵעָלַי הַמּוֹן שִׁירֶיךָ וְזַמְרַת
נְבִלֶיךָ לֹא אֲשָׁמַע: (23) Spare me the sound of your hymns, And let me
not hear the music of your lutes.

(כד) וַיִּגַּל כַּמַּיִם מִשְׁפָּט וַיִּצְדָּקָה כַּנַּחַל
אֵיתָן: (24) Instead, let justice well up like water,
righteousness like an unfailing stream.

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

Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Heather Booth, Ellen Buckley, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, Netanel Felber, Phil Feld, Chelo Fournier, Aubrey Garber, Barbara Gayler, Pat Goldman, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, David Hahn, Judy Hurvitz, Joan Kupferberg, Lum Laurri, Mark Laurri, Lisa Lehman, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenegeger, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Doug Meyer, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, 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, Elsa Smith, Eve Sparberg, Irving Swatzburg, Alan Thal, Susan Turnbull, Betty Ustun, Mimi Wolf

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

Javier Marías, 70, translator, novelist, and King of Redonda, Madrid, Spain

Patrick Bailey, 49, could make any plant grow, Dallas, Texas

Javier Ramirez Reyes, 72, wanted to retire to Honduras and raise goats, Gaithersburg, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Keith Allen, 40, NW DC; Stephon Jenkins, 50, NW DC; Lonzo Malcolm, 18, SE DC;

John Murphy, 63, SE DC

Shiva

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, uncle of Josh Seidman

Shloshim

Gita Funston; Judith Giller-Leinwohl; Robert Lederman; Bradley Roper; Beverlee Schiff;

Bill Witte

Yahrzeit

Robert Sidney Aaron, Edith Allender, Herbert Blumenthal, Rose Bordman, Myrna Davis Brady, Marilyn

Brenner, Ferdinand Gassman, Frederick S. Gluck, Stuart Goldberg, Philip Mark Gould

Samuel Halpern, Richard L. Herrstadt, Max Kirshstein, Karen Kushinsky, Barbara Landfield, Raymond

Lantos, Hannah Lipman, Lillian Marion, Ann Milbank, Gladys Newman,

Jack Ominsky, Donald Pearl, Lisa Raines, Joseph Rubin, Ann Saferstein, Gloria Schneider,

Elsie Sherwat, Grace Tabakin Sindell, Marjorie Slater-Kaplan, Lilian Sokolow, Lillian Tabas, Kenneth Winter,

Herb Zaitz

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 בְּחַיֵּיכוּן

וּבְיָמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,

וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִים וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר

וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.

בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא 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.