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Shabbat Nitzavim

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 Julie Schechter Torres.*

**Elohai N'shama**

Music and English lyrics by Casey Prusher

Elohai, n'shama shenatata bi, t'hora hi. אלהי, נשמה שנתתה בי, טהורה היא.  
My God, the soul You have given me is pure.

Atah v'ratah, Atah y'tzartah, Atah n'fachtah bi. אתה בראתה, אתה יצרתה, אתה נפחתה בי.  
You created me, You shaped me, You breathed me into life.

**Deuteronomy דברים 30: 1-10**

א וְהָיָה כִּי יִבְאוּ עֲלֶיךָ כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה הַבְּרָכָה וְהַקְּלָלָה אֲשֶׁר נָתַתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ וְהִשְׁבַּתְּ אֶל־לִבְבְּךָ בְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר הִדִּיחָךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שָׁמָּה: 1 When all these things befall you—the blessing and the curse that I have set before you—and you take them to heart amidst the various nations to which the Eternal your God has banished you,

ב וְשִׁבַּתְּ עַד־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹלוֹ כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־אֲנֹכִי מְצַוֶּה הַיּוֹם אֶתְּךָ וּבְנֶיךָ בְּכֹל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ: 2 and you return to the Eternal your God, and you and your children heed God's command with all your heart and soul, just as I enjoin upon you this day,

ג וְשָׁב יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת־שְׁבוּתְךָ וְרַחֲמֶךָ וְשָׁב וְקִבְצְךָ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר הִפִּיצְךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ שָׁמָּה: 3 then the Eternal your God will restore your fortunes and take you back in love. [God] will bring you together again from all the peoples where the Eternal your God has scattered you.

ד אִם־יִהְיֶה נִדְחָךְ בְּקֶצֶה הַשָּׁמַיִם מִשָּׁם יִקְבְּצֶךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ וּמִשָּׁם יִקְחֶךָ: 4 Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the world, from there the Eternal your God will gather you, from there [God] will fetch you.

ה וְהֵבִיאֲךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְרֵשׁוּ אֲבוֹתֶיךָ וְיִרְשָׁתָּהּ וְהִיטְבָּחָ וְהִרְבֶּה מֵאֲבוֹתֶיךָ: 5 And the Eternal your God will bring you to the land that your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and [God] will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your ancestors.

- ו וּמַל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת לִבְבְּךָ וְאֶת לִבְבֵּי זַרְעֶךָ לְאַהֲבָה אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ לְמַעַן חַיֶּיךָ:
- ז וְנָתַן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת כָּל הָאֲלוֹת הָאֵלֶּה עַל אֹיְבֶיךָ וְעַל שֹׂנְאֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר רָדְפוּךָ:
- ח וְאַתָּה תִּשְׁׁוֹב וְשָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה וְעָשִׂיתָ אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתָיו אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם:
- ט וְהוֹתִירָךְ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל מַעֲשֵׂה יָדְךָ בְּפָרִי בִטְנְךָ וּבְפָרִי בְהַמְתֶּךָ וּבְפָרִי אֲדָמְתֶךָ לְטַבָּה כִּי יָשׁוּב יְהוָה לָשׁוּׁשׁ עֲלֶיךָ לְטוֹב כַּאֲשֶׁר שָׂשׂ עַל אֲבוֹתֶיךָ:
- י כִּי תִשְׁמַע בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשִׁמּוֹר מִצְוֹתָיו וְחֻקֹּתָיו הַכְּתוּבָה בְּסֵפֶר הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה כִּי תָשׁוּב אֶל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל נַפְשְׁךָ:
- 6 Then the Eternal your God will open up your heart and the hearts of your offspring—to love the Eternal your God with all your heart and soul, in order that you may live.
- 7 The Eternal your God will inflict all those curses upon the enemies and foes who persecuted you.
- 8 You, however, will again heed the Eternal and obey all the divine commandments that I enjoin upon you this day.
- 9 And the Eternal your God will grant you abounding prosperity in all your undertakings, in your issue from the womb, your offspring from the cattle, and your produce from the soil. For the Eternal will again delight in your well-being as in that of your ancestors,
- 10 since you will be heeding the Eternal your God and keeping the divine commandments and laws that are recorded in this book of the Teaching—once you return to the Eternal your God with all your heart and soul.

## Haftarah for the Fourth Shabbat in Elul: Jeremiah 22:1-5, 13-16

*In this final week of the month of Elul, on the Shabbat preceding Rosh Hashanah, we return to the words of the prophet Jeremiah, who calls us to do what is just and right. We are reminded that justice requires us to take action. In the second section, Jeremiah calls to those of us who frequent beautiful environs (a home paneled in cedar, for example!) are not exempt from doing justice: it is up to us to ensure that the people who build and create are treated fairly. Taking a close look at ourselves and our society: this is the work of the High Holy Day season.*

### 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) כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה רֵד בֵּית מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה וְדַבַּרְתָּ שָׁם אֶת הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה:
- (1) Thus said the Eternal: Go down to the palace of the king of Judah, where you shall utter this word.

**(ב)** וְאָמַרְתָּ שְׁמַע דְּבַר־יְהוָה מֶלֶךְ יְהוּדָה הַיֹּשֵׁב עַל־כִּסֵּא דָוִד אַתָּה וְעַבְדֶיךָ וְעַמְּךָ הַבָּאִים בְּשַׁעְרֵי הָאֵלֶּה:

(2) Say: “Hear the word of the Eternal: king of Judah, you who sit on David's throne, and your courtiers and your subjects who enter these gates!

**(ג)** כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה עֲשׂוּ מִשְׁפָּט וְצַדִּיקָה וְהִצִּילוּ גְזוּל מִיַּד עֲשׂוֹק וְגֵר יְתוֹם וְאַלְמָנָה אַל־תִּנְנוּ אֶל־תַּחֲמוֹסוֹ וְדָם נָקִי אַל־תִּשְׁפְּכוּ בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה:

(3) Thus said the Eternal: Do what is just and right; rescue from the defrauder the one who is robbed; do not wrong the stranger, the orphan, and the widow; commit no lawless act, and do not shed the blood of the innocent in this place.

**(ד)** כִּי אִם־עֲשׂוּ תַעֲשׂוּ אֶת־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה וּבָאוּ בְּשַׁעְרֵי הַבַּיִת הַזֶּה מְלָכִים יֹשְׁבִים לְדָוִד עַל־כִּסְאוֹ רֹכְבִים בְּרֶכֶב וּבִסוּסִים הוּא וְעַבְדּוֹ וְעַמּוֹ:

(4) For if you fulfill this command, then through the gates of this palace shall enter kings of David's line who sit upon his throne, riding horse-drawn chariots, with their courtiers and their subjects.

**(ה)** וְאִם לֹא תִשְׁמָעוּ אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה בִּי נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי נְאֻם־יְהוָה כִּי־לַחֲרָבָה יִהְיֶה הַבַּיִת הַזֶּה:

(5) But if you do not heed these commands, I swear by Myself—declares the Eternal—that this palace shall become a ruin.” ...

**(יג)** הוּי בָנָה בֵּיתוֹ בְּלֹא־צֶדֶק וְעַלְיוֹתָיו בְּלֹא מִשְׁפָּט בְּרַעְהוּ יַעֲבֹד חֲנָם וּפְעָלוֹ לֹא יִתְּנוּ לוֹ:

(13) Ha! One who builds their house without righteousness and their upper chambers without justice, who makes their fellow work without pay and does not give them their wages,

**(יד)** הָאֵמַר אֲבָנָה־לִּי בַּיִת מְדוֹת וְעַלְיוֹת מְרוּיָחִים וְקָרַע לוֹ חֲלוֹנָי וְסָפוֹן בְּאַרְזֵי וּמִשׁוֹחַ בְּשֵׁשׁ:

(14) Who thinks: I will build me a vast palace with spacious upper chambers, provided with windows, paneled in cedar, painted with vermilion!

**(טו)** הֲתִמְלֹךְ כִּי אַתָּה מִתְחַרָּה בְּאַרְזֵי אֲבִיךָ הֲלוֹא אָכַל וְשָׁתָה וְעָשָׂה מִשְׁפָּט וְצַדִּיקָה אִז טוֹב לוֹ:

(15) Do you think you are more a king because you compete in cedar? Your father ate and drank and dispensed justice and equity— Then all went well with him.

**(טז)** דָּן דִּי־עָנִי וְאֲבִיוֹן אִז טוֹב הֲלוֹא־הִיא הַדַּעַת אֶתִּי נְאֻם־יְהוָה:

(16) He upheld the rights of the poor and needy— Then all was well. That is truly heeding Me — declares the Eternal.

**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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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, Joan Kupferberg, Susan Landfield, 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***

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Reanna Solomon, 40, Commonwealth Games gold medalist and parent, Denigomodu, Nauru  
Geoffrey Conley, 42, loving parent and grandfather, Del City, Oklahoma  
William Artis, 63, musician and entrepreneur, Washington, DC

***Condolences***

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Daniel Claster, father of Becky Claster, father-in-law of Stephen Leroy, grandfather of Eliza, Benjamin, and Miriam

***Shiva***

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Victor Springer, father of Jessica Bloomfield and Eden Springer

***Shloshim***

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Rabbi Jimmy Kessler; Bradley Roper; Beverlee Schiff; Bill Witte

***Yahrzeit***

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Sonya Bandler, Edwin Billet, Tessie Birman, Jerry Boyd, Norma Elaine Cranberg, Abigail Dorfman, Saul Dorfman, Martin Frost, Eva Futrovsky, Gregory Gaymont, Irving Goodman, Samuel Haber, Samuel Heilpern, Lena Heller, Alice Hersh, Lee Knefelkamp, Louis Levenson, Marilyn Levinson, Harry Levitsky, Helene Liebenau, Mark Lublin, Herbert Milstein, Nancy Milstein, Barbara Newman, Davida Newman, Kitty Ominsky, Edward Oppenheimer, Sylvia Peters, Forrest Raffel, Marvin Ratner, Adele Deutsch Salinger, Suzanne Salkovitz, Alfred J. Sherman, Francine Strauss, Adelaine Topkig, Lew Warshof, Jane Weiner, Julius Weinstein, Belle S. Yaffe, Joseph Yavit

## 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 בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךָ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ  
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִי וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.  
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר  
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא.  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.  
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאָמִירָן  
בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוַמָּיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה 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.*

***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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