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27 Tishrei, 5783

Shabbat B'reishit

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)



## Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 1:20-27

- כ** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִשְׂרְצוּ הַמַּיִם שְׂרָץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל־הָאָרֶץ עַל־פְּנֵי רִקִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם:
- 20** God then said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly over the earth, across the face of the expanse of the sky!”
- כא** וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הַתַּנִּינִים הַגְּדֹלִים וְאֵת כָּל־נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה אֲשֶׁר שָׂרְצוּ הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵהֶם וְאֵת כָּל־עוֹף כָּנָף לְמִינֵהוּ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:
- 21** God then formed the great sea monsters, and every living creature that creeps, with which the waters swarm, all true to their types, and every winged bird, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was.
- כב** וַיְבָרֵךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת־הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרְבֵּ בָאָרֶץ:
- 22** God then blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply in the earth!”
- כג** וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם חַמִּישִׁי:
- 23** And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.
- כד** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ בְּהֵמָה וְרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיֵּיתוֹ־אָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי־כֵן:
- 24** God then said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every type: domestic animals and creeping things and wild animals, each true to its type!”—and so it was.
- כה** וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת־חַיֵּית הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת־הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְאֵת כָּל־רֶמֶשׂ הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינָהּ וַיַּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב:
- 25** Thus God made the wild animals, each true to its type, and the domestic animals, each true to its type, and every creature that creeps on the ground, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was.

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26 כּוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ  
 כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ וַיְרִדּוּ בְדִגְתַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם  
 וּבְבִהֵמָה וּבְכָל־הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל־הַרְמֵשׁ הָרֹמֵשׁ  
 עַל־הָאָרֶץ : 26 God now said, “Let us make human beings  
 in our image, after our likeness; and let them  
 hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds  
 of the sky, over the beasts, over all the earth,  
 over all that creeps upon the earth.”

27 כִּזָּ וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ  
 בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא  
 אֹתָם : 27 So God created the human beings in [the  
 divine] image, creating [them] in the image of  
 God, creating them male and female.

## Haftarah for B'reishit: Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12

*In Parashat B'reishit, we read the first chapters of the Torah: the accounts of creation, the stories of Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel. We read these stories just weeks after the end of the High Holy Days, having begun to consider the gift of life and the reality that nothing is promised to us.*

*Here, Ecclesiastes explores what it is like to experience life. Who is lucky: those who are alive, or those who are not yet born? Those who are oppressed, or those who are not? Those who are born rich and powerful, or those born not rich and powerful? What is the value of companionship? Life is what we make of it.*

### 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.

(ז) וְשִׁבְתִּי אֲנִי וְאֶרְאֶה הַבֶּל תַּחַת  
 הַשָּׁמֶשׁ : (7) And I have noted this further futility under the  
 sun:

(ח) יֵשׁ אֶחָד וְאֵין שְׁנֵי גַם בֶּן וְאָח  
 אֵין־לוֹ וְאֵין קָץ לְכָל־עֲמָלוֹ גַם־עֵינֹ  
 לֹא־תִשְׂבַּע עֶשֶׂר וּלְמִי אֲנִי עֹמֵל  
 וּמְחַסֵּר אֶת־נַפְשִׁי מִטוֹבָה גַם־זֶה הַבֶּל  
 וְעֵנִן רַע הוּא : (8) the case of the person who is alone, with no  
 companion, who has neither child nor sibling; yet  
 amasses wealth without limit, and her eye is never  
 sated with riches. For whom, now, is she amassing  
 it while denying herself enjoyment? That too is a  
 futility and an unhappy business.

(ט) טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנָיִם מִן־הָאֶחָד אֲשֶׁר  
 יִשְׁלָהֶם שָׂכָר טוֹב בְּעַמְלָם : (9) Two are better off than one, in that they have  
 greater benefit from their earnings.

(י) כִּי אִם־יִפְלוּ הָאֶחָד יִקֶּים  
 אֶת־חֵבְרוֹ וְאֵילוֹ הָאֶחָד שְׁיִפֹּל וְאֵין  
 שְׁנֵי לְהַקִּימוֹ : (10) For should they fall, one can raise the other;  
 but woe betide one who is alone and falls with no  
 companion to raise them!

(יא) גַּם אִם יִשְׁכְּבוּ שְׁנַיִם וְחֵם לָהֶם (11) Further, when two lie together they are warm;  
וְלֶאֱחָד אֵיךְ יִחָם: but how can one who is alone get warm?

(יב) וְאִם יִתְקַפוּ הָאֶחָד הַשְּׁנַיִם (12) Also, if one attacks, two can stand up to him.  
יַעֲמְדוּ נֶגְדוֹ וְהַחֹטֵט הַמְּשַׁלֵּשׁ לֹא A threefold cord is not readily broken.  
בְּמַהֲרָה יִנְתַּק:

#### **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, Ellen Buckley, Judith Chisholm, Barbara Cleveland, Netanel Felber, Phil Feld, Chelo Fournier, Aubrey Garber, Pat Goldman, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, Ezra Mac Grossman, Larry Gutter, David Hahn, Joan Kupferberg, Lum Laurri, Mark Laurri, Lisa Lehman, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenecker, Chris Mahle, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, 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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Tony Fuochi, 66, video game and cartoon voice actor, Padua, Italy

Erica Verbrugge, 48, loved singing, theatre, and time with her children, Aurora, Colorado

Justin Helms, 25, robotics engineer, Boy Scout, and keen sailor, Riverdale, Maryland

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

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Davonte Berkley, 19, District Heights, MD; Jamontate Brown, 32, no fixed address;

Mark Carter, 55, no fixed address; Reginald Cooper, 19, District Heights, MD; Andre Robertson Jr., 15, NE DC

## ***Shiva***

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Jean Simon, mother of Kenneth Simon, mother-in-law of Janet Hahn, grandmother of Eliza Simon and Jessica Daigle

## ***Shloshim***

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Daniel Claster; Susan Landfield; Frank Liebermann; Estelle Silverstein

## ***Yahrzeit***

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Sophie Fox Altschul, Tovey Barron, Peter Benda, Louis Cohen, Anne Cooley, Augustus deGrazia, Ben Robert Diskin, Reuben Freedman, Janet Gordon, Jerry Gross, Marcus Hirsch, Robert Yale Kamin, Harry Kraut, Helen Taradash Levin, Marguerite Malgoire, Olya Margolin, Penny Lamb Parker, Carol Waldman Piness, Sidney George Piness, Hortense Platoff, Abner Jack Richter, Marvin Rubin, Clara Levin Samess, Irving "Owie" Schneider, Howard Schulman, Robert Schwartz, Dorothy Simon, Martin Slater, Harry Soffer, Hana Taffet, Mollie 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 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 וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.  
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ  
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.  
יְתְבָרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיְתַפְאֵר וַיְתְרוֹמֵם וַיְתַנְשֵׂא וַיְתַהַדֵּר  
וַיְתַעַלֶּה וַיְתַהַלֵּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.  
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאִמְרוּ  
בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.  
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה 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.*