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Shabbat Noach

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 בראשית 11:1-9

- א ויהי כלהארץ שפה אחת ודברים אחדים 1 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech.
- ב ויהי בנסעם מקדם וימצאו בקעה בארץ שניער וישבו שם: 2 As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.
- ג ויאמרו איש אלרעהו הבה נלבנה לבנים ונשרפה לשרפה ותהי להם הלבנה לאבן והחמר יהיה להם לחמר: 3 They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar.
- ד ויאמרו הבה | נבנה לנו עיר ומגדל וראשו בשמים ונעשה לנו שם פוןפוץ על פני כלהארץ: 4 Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”
- ה ויירד יהוה לראת אתהעיר ואתהמגדל אשר בנו בני האדם: 5 But Adonai came down to see the city and the tower the people were building.
- ו ויאמר יהוה הן עם אחד ושפה אחת לכלם וזה החלם לעשות ועתה לאיבצר מהם כל אשר יזמו לעשות: 6 Adonai said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.

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ז הָבֵה נִרְדָּה וְנִבְלָה שְׁמֵ שְׁפָתֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר לֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ אִישׁ שִׁפְתֵי רֵעֵהוּ: 7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

ח וַיִּפְּץ יְהוָה אֶתֶם מִשָּׁם עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ וַיַּחֲדְלוּ לְבַנֹּת הָעִיר: 8 So Adonai scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city.

ט עַל־כֵּן קָרָא שְׁמָהּ בְּבָל כִּי־שָׁם בָּלַל יְהוָה שְׁפָתֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ וּמִשָּׁם הִפְיָצָם יְהוָה עַל־פְּנֵי כָל־הָאָרֶץ: 9 That is why it was called Babel—because there Adonai confused the language of the whole world. From there Adonai scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Haftarah for Noah: Isaiah 54: 9-14

We keep this excerpt from the traditional haftarah, which both mentions Noah directly and promises hope and redemption. What does it mean for God to promise not to be angry with us? What does it mean to be established through righteousness and safe for oppression? How do we act as God's partners in this work?

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.

(ט) כִּי־יָמִי נִחַ זֹאת לִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מֵעַבְרֵי מִיָּנַח עוֹד עַל־הָאָרֶץ כִּן נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי מִקֶּצֶף עֲלֶיךָ וּמִגְעָר־בֶּדָד: (9) For this to me is like the waters of Noah: As I swore that the waters of Noah nevermore would flood the earth, so I swear that I will not be angry with you or rebuke you.

(י) כִּי הַהָרִים יִמוּשׁוּ וְהַגְּבָעוֹת תִּמוּטִינָה וְחֶסְדִּי מֵאֲתָדָּ לֹא־יִמוּשׁ וּבְרִית שְׁלוֹמִי לֹא תִמוּט אָמַר מְרַחֵמְךָ יְהוָה: (10) For the mountains may move and the hills be shaken, but my loyalty shall never move from you, nor my covenant of peace be shaken —said the Eternal, who takes you back in love.

(יא) עֲנִיָּה סֶעָרָה לֹא נִחַמָה הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי מִרְבִּיץ בַּפּוֹדִי אֲבָנִיךָ וַיִּסְדְּתֶיךָ בְּסַפִּירִים: (11) Unhappy, storm-tossed one, uncomforted! I will lay carbuncles as your building stones And make your foundations of sapphires.

(יב) וְשִׁמְתִּי בְּדָכְדִ שְׁמִשְׁתֶּיךָ וְשַׁעֲרֶיךָ לְאֲבָנֵי אֶקֶדָּח וְכָל־גְּבוּלְךָ לְאֲבָנֵי־חַפָּץ: (12) I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of precious stones, the whole encircling wall of gems.

(יג) וְכָל־בְּנֵי־ךָ לְמוֹדֵי יְהוָה וְרַב שְׂלוֹם בְּנֵי־ךָ : (13) And all your children shall be disciples of the Eternal, and great shall be the happiness of your children;

(יד) בְּצִדְקָה תִּכּוֹנְנֵי רַחֲמֵי מֵלֶשֶׁק כִּי־לֹא תִירָאִי וּמִמְחַתָּה כִּי לֹא־תִקְרַב אֵלֶיךָ : (14) You shall be established through righteousness. You shall be safe from oppression, and shall have no fear; from ruin, and it shall not come near you.

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

Quazi Rosy, 73, poet and parliamentarian, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Harry Bialor, 90, Holocaust survivor, composer, and librettist, New York, New York

Santos Rodriguez, 45, immigrant, volunteer bus driver, and parent, Hyattsville, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Storm Serenity Frazier, six weeks, NE DC; Christian Mitchell, 21, NW DC;

Quion Shears, 24, SE DC; Kevaughn Washington, 31, Oxon Hill, MD

Shloshim

Frank Liebermann; Estelle Silverstein; Jean Simon

Yahrzeit

Harry Benda, David A. Feldman, Rena Gruenberg, Sadie Haber, Joshua I. Justin, Royce Katsir,

Lila Lief, Margaret Locke, Ivan Meitus, Nate Muskin, Daria Naftulin, John Pasco, David Peters,

Louis Raitiere, Renee Reiff, Fanny Rockower, Jay Rosenbluth, Beatrice Schimel,

Ida Weinstein Schotz, Elise Shapira, Shirley Suconik, Jack Temchin, Ralph Weinheimer,

Valentin Yamaykin, Theodore Zeichner

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 כְּרַעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוֹן
וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְנוֹ קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִים וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֲלְמֵיָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנַחֲמָתָא
דְאָמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו 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.