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Shabbat Chayei Sarah

*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)*



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- 13 הִנֵּה אֲנֹכִי נֹצֵב עַל־עֵינַי הַמַּיִם וּבָנוֹת אֲנָשֵׁי הָעִיר יֹצְאוֹת לְשָׂאֵב מַיִם: 13 Here I am standing at the water-fount, and the daughters of the townspeople are going forth to draw water;
- 14 יָד וְהָיָה הַנֶּעֱרָ אֲשֶׁר אֵמַר אֵלֶיהָ הֲטִינָא כִּדְדָךְ וְאַשְׁתֶּה וְאַמְרָה שְׁתֶּה וְגַם־גִּמְלִיךָ אֲשַׁקָּה אֵתְּהָ הַכֹּחֶתְ לְעַבְדְּךָ לְיִצְחָק וּבָהּ אֵדַע כִּי־עָשִׂיתָ חֶסֶד עִם־אֲדֹנָי: 14 the girl to whom I say, “Tip your pitcher and let me drink,” and who replies, “Drink; and let me water your camels, too”—let her be the one You have designated for Your servant Isaac; that is how I shall know that You have done a kindness for my master.”
- 15 טו וְנִוְיָהִי־הוּא טָרָם כְּלָה לְדָבָר וְהִנֵּה רַבֵּקָה יֹצְאוֹת אֲשֶׁר יָלְדָה לְבֶתוּאֵל בְּנוֹ־מִלְכָּה אִשְׁתׁ נָחוֹר אָחִי אַבְרָהָם וְכִבְדָּה עַל־שִׁכְמָהּ: 15 Before he was done praying, Rebekah, who had been born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, wife of Abraham’s brother Nahor, was going forth with her pitcher on her shoulder.
- 16 טז וְהִנֵּעַר טִבַּת מְרֹאֶה מְאֹד בְּתוּלָהּ וְאִישׁ לֹא יָדָעָהּ וַתֵּרַד הָעֵינָה וַתִּמְלֵא כִבְדָּהּ וַתַּעַל: 16 She was an exceedingly beautiful girl, of marriageable age, whom no man had yet known. She went down to the spring, filled her pitcher, and went up.
- 17 יז וַיָּרַץ הָעֶבֶד לְקָרְאָתָהּ וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגַמְיָאִינִי נָא מֵעֵט־מַיִם מִכִּבְדְּךָ: 17 The slave ran toward her and said, “Let me sip a little water from your pitcher.”
- 18 יח וַתֹּאמֶר שְׁתֶּה אֲדֹנָי וַתִּמְהַר וַתֵּרַד כִּבְדָּהּ עַל־יָדָהּ וַתִּשְׁקָהוּ: 18 And she replied, “Drink, sir!” Quickly she lowered her pitcher on her hand and let him drink.

יט וַתִּכַּל לְהַשְׁקֹתוֹ וַתֹּאמֶר גַּם לְגַמְלֵיךָ
 אֶשְׂאֵב עַד אֲסֹכְלוֹ לְשֵׁתֹת: 19 The drinking done, she said, “I will draw
 some for your camels, too, till they are done
 drinking.”

כ וַתִּמְהַר וַתַּעַר כַּדָּהָא אֶל־הַשֶּׁקֶת וַתָּרֹץ
 עוֹד אֶל־הַבְּאֵר לְשֵׂאֵב וַתִּשְׂאֵב לְכָל־
 גַּמְלֵיוֹ: 20 Quickly she emptied her pitcher in the
 trough and she again ran to the well to draw
 water, drawing water for all his camels.

Haftarah for Chayei Sarah: Hosea 2: 20-25

In Parashat Chayei Sarah, the matriarch Sarah dies. Afterward, Abraham turns toward the future, sending his servant Eliezer to find a wife for their son Isaac. In this parasha, we have the first mention of consent - the affirmative choosing of partnership between two individuals. Consent is first mentioned by Eliezer, and later by Rebecca herself, when she affirms that she wishes to leave her parent’s home and marry Isaac. Perhaps Eliezer’s role as a servant, witness to complicated family dynamics, is cause for his attentiveness to Rebecca’s personal agency.

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.

Hosea 2: 20-25

(כ) וְכָרַתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית בְּיּוֹם הַהוּא
 עִם־חַיֵּי הַשָּׂדֶה וְעִם־עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
 וְרֶמֶשׂ הָאֲדָמָה וְקִשְׁתׁ וְחַרְבׁ וּמִלְחָמָה
 אֶשְׁבֹּר מִן־הָאָרֶץ וְהַשְּׂכַבְתִּים
 לְבֵטַח: (20) In that day, I will make a covenant for them
 with the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
 and the creeping things of the ground; I will also
 banish bow, sword, and war from the land. Thus
 I will let them lie down in safety.

(כא) וְאֶרְשָׁתִּיךָ לִי לְעוֹלָם וְאֶרְשָׁתִּיךָ
 לִי בְצֶדֶק וּבְמִשְׁפָּט וּבְחַסֵּד
 וּבְרַחֲמִים: (21) And I will espouse you forever: I will
 espouse you with righteousness and justice, and
 with chesed, loving-kindness and compassion,

(כב) וְאֶרְשָׁתִּיךָ לִי בְאֵמוּנָה וְיִדְעַתְּ
 אֶת־יְהוָה: (22) And I will espouse you with faithfulness;
 Then you shall be devoted to the Eternal.

(כג) וְהָיָה | בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶעֱנֶה
נֶאֱסִיחָהּ אֶעֱנֶה אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְהֵם
יַעֲנֵנו אֶת־הָאָרֶץ : (23) In that day, I will respond —declares the
Eternal— I will respond to the sky, And it shall
respond to the earth;between the unclean and the
clean, and they have closed their eyes to my
sabbaths. I am profaned in their midst.

(כד) וְהָאָרֶץ תַּעֲנֶה אֶת־הַדָּגָן
וְאֶת־הַתֵּיּוֹשׁ וְאֶת־הַיֶּזְרַע וְהֵם יַעֲנֵנו
אֶת־יִזְרְעֵאל : (24) And the earth shall respond with new grain
and wine and oil, and they shall respond to
Jezreel.

(כה) וְזִרְעֵתִיהָ לִּי בְּאֶרֶץ וְרַחֲמֹתַי
אֶת־לֹא רַחֲמָה וְאָמַרְתִּי לְלֹא־עַמִּי
עַמִּי־אַתָּה וְהוּא יֹאמֶר אֱלֹהֵי : (25) I will sow her in the land as my own; And
take Lo-ruhamah back in favor; And I will say to
Lo-ammi, “You are My people,” And they will
respond, “[You are] my God.”

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, Ellen Buckley, Judith Chisholm, Netanel Felber, Phil Feld, Chelo Fournier, Aubrey Garber, Pat Goldman, Jeffrey Goodman, Richard Greenfield, David Hahn, Joan Kupferberg, Lum Laurri, Mark Laurri, Lisa Lehman, Stu Levine, Sam Levinson, Dan Lutenegger, 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, Jo Schonewolf, Charles Schussheim, Cynthia Seymour, Annette Shaw, Elsa Smith, Eve Sparberg, Marjorie Dick Stuart, Irving Swatzburg, Alan Thal, Susan Turnbull, Betty Ustun, Mimi Wolf

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

Olena Lytovchenko, 58, metallurgist and historical fiction writer, Kyiv, Ukraine
Maria Marisco, 44, loved listening to old school jams with friends, Oxnard, California
Carol Ann Griffith, 81, took care to arrange her life artfully, Silver Spring, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Kelvin Blowe, 32, Lexington Park, MD; Umar Epps, 21, SE DC; James Gillespie, 19, NE DC; Rashawn Phifer, 20, NE DC; Darnell Shaw Jr., 38, SE DC; Mykell Vicente, 24, SE DC

Shiva

Annie Waldman, granddaughter of Jean and Steve Shulman

Shloshim

Muriel Marcus Breikopf, Esther Spiegel

Yahrzeit

Phyllis Cohen, Janos Fenjves, Raul Fournier, Diana Granof, Celia Halpern, Esther Lahne,
Myron "Mike" Laipson, Sol Levine, Jeanne Mallett, Harold Melman, Alex Schiffman-Shilo,
Fannie Tobias, Sidney Trager, Gussie Umansky, Maurice Weiner, Teri Weinman, Rachel Welt

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 בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִים וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֲלְמֵינָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקָדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחַמְתָּא
דְאִמְרוּ בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוּמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל. וְאִמְרוּ 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.

Od Yavo Shalom

Od yavo shalom aleinu v'al kulam.
Salaam, aleinu v'al kol ha'olam.

עוד יבוא שלום עלינו ועל כָּלָם.
סלאם, עלינו ועל כָּל העוֹלָם.

Peace will come upon us, and on everyone. Salaam on us and on everyone.

Shabbat Shalom!

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