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7 Tevet, 5783

Shabbat Vayigash

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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Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 45:25 – 46:4

- כה** וַיַּעֲלוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן אֶל־יַעֲקֹב אָבִיהֶם: 25 They went up from Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan.
- כו** וַיִּגְדּוּ לוֹ לֵאמֹר עוֹד יוֹסֵף חַי וְכִי־הוּא מִשָּׁל בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם וַיִּפַּג לְבָבוֹ כִּי לֹא־הֶאֱמִין לָהֶם: 26 And they told him, “Joseph is still alive; yes, he is ruler over the whole land of Egypt.” His heart went numb, for he did not believe them.
- כז** וַיִּדְבְּרוּ אֵלָיו אֶת כָּל־דְּבָרֵי יוֹסֵף אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֲלֵהֶם וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הָעֲגָלוֹת אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח יוֹסֵף לְשֵׂאת אֹתוֹ וַתְּחִי רוּחַ יַעֲקֹב אָבִיהֶם: 27 But when they recounted all that Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the wagons that Joseph had sent to transport him, the spirit of their father Jacob revived.
- כח** וַיֹּאמֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל רַב עוֹד־יוֹסֵף בְּנִי חַי אֵלַי וְאֶרְאֶנּוּ בְּטָרִם אָמוֹת: 28 “Enough!” said Israel. “My son Joseph is still alive! I must go and see him before I die.”
- א** וַיֵּסַע יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ וַיָּבֹא בְּאֶרֶץ שֹׁבַע וַיִּזְבֹּחַ זִבְחִים לַאלֹהֵי אָבִיו יִצְחָק: 1 So Israel set out with all that was his, and he came to Beer-sheba, where he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac’s [house].
- ב** לַיִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמַרְאֵת הַלַּיְלָה | וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי: | וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב: 2 God called to Israel in a vision by night: “Jacob! Jacob!” He answered, “Here.”
- ג** וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנֹכִי הָאֵל אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ אֵל־תִּירָא מִרְדָּה מִצְרַיִמָּה כִּי־לִגְוִי גָדוֹל אֲשִׁימָךְ שָׁם: 3 “I am God, the God of your father’s [house]. Fear not to go down to Egypt, for I will make you there into a great nation.
- ד** אֲנֹכִי אֶרְדָּ עִמָּךְ מִצְרַיִמָּה וְאֲנֹכִי אֶעֱלֶךָ גַּם־עִלָּה וַיֹּסֵף יָשִׁית יָדוֹ עַל־עֵינָיו: 4 I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I Myself will also bring you back; and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”

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Haftarah for Vayigash: Isaiah 11:1-9

In parashat Vayigash, Joseph and Judah are reunited, and the brothers are reconciled. In this messianic vision from Isaiah, all relationships are harmonized through the wise and insightful leadership of a man descended from King David (this is the reference to Jesse in verse 1). In Isaiah's vision, the lion will lie down with the lamb just as the brothers and tribes Ephraim and Judah will be reunited. Of course, it is not quite so simple, and the Jewish tribes will rule over other nations. Nonetheless, their rule is one of justice and goodness, and other nations are only condemned for their lack of adherence to the principles of equity and decency.

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 וַיֵּצֵא חֹטֵר מִגִּזְע יֵשׁוּעַ וַנֹּצֵר מִשָּׁרְשָׁיו יִפְרֶה: 1 But a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse, a twig shall sprout from his stock.

ב וַיִּנְחַח עָלָיו רוּחַ יְהוָה רוּחַ חָכְמָה וּבִינָה רוּחַ עֲצָה וּגְבוּרָה רוּחַ דָּעַת וַיִּרְאֵת יְהוָה: 2 The spirit of the Eternal shall alight upon him: a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and valor, A spirit of devotion and reverence for the Eternal.

ג וַהֲרִיחוּ בִּירְאֵת יְהוָה וְלֹא לְמַרְאֵה עֵינָיו יִשְׁפֹּט וְלֹא לְמִשְׁמַע אָזְנוֹ יוֹכִיחַ: 3 He shall sense the truth by his reverence for the Eternal: He shall not judge by what his eyes behold, nor decide by what his ears perceive.

ד וְשָׁפֵט בְּצִדְקָ דְלִים וְהוֹכִיחַ בְּמִישׁוֹר לְעֵנְוִי אֶרֶץ וְהִכָּה אֶרֶץ בְּשֵׁבֶט פִּיו וּבְרוּחַ שְׁפָתָיו יִמִּית רָשָׁע: 4 Thus he shall judge the poor with equity and decide with justice for the lowly of the land. He shall strike down a land with the rod of his mouth and slay the wicked with the breath of his lips.

ה וְהָיָה צִדְקָ אֲזוֹר מִתַּנְיּוֹ וְהֶאֱמוּנָה אֲזוֹר חֲלָצָיו: 5 Justice shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his waist.

ו וְגַר זֵאֵב עִם-כֶּבֶשׂ וַנִּמְרַע עִם-גְּדִי יִרְבֹּץ וְעֹגֵל וּכְפִיר וּמְרִיא יַחְדָּו וַנְעַר קֶטָן נִהְגַּ בָּם: 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard lie down with the kid; the calf, the beast of prey, and the fatling together, with a little boy to herd them.

ז וּפָרָה וְדָב תִּרְעֶינָה יַחְדָּו יִרְבְּצוּ יַלְדֵיהֶן וְאַרְיֵה כִּבְקָר יֹאכַל תַּבָּן: 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion, like the ox, shall eat straw.

ח וְשֶׁשֶׁע יוֹנֵק עַל-חַר פֶּתֶן וְעַל מְאוּרַת צְפַעוֹנִי גְמוּל יָדוֹ הָדָה: 8 A babe shall play over a viper's hole, And an infant pass his hand over an adder's den.

ט לֹא יִרְעוּ וְלֹא יִשְׁחִיתוּ בְּכָל הָר קִדְשֵׁי כִּי 9 In all of my sacred mount nothing evil or
מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ דְּעָה אֶת־יְהוָה כַּמַּיִם לַיָּם
: מְכַסִּים with devotion to the Eternal as water covers
the sea.

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

Deb Flanigan, 73, volunteer EMT who often talked about escapades with her Thursday Night Crew, Fairfax VA
Alex Kovach Jr. 63, some would call his jokes corny or dry but a chuckle followed after each joke, Greensburg PA
Zhang Mu, 92, director for the China Opera and actor known for playing Mao Zedong in CCP films, China

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Richard Antonio Joseph, 50, Alexandria VA

Shloshim

Suellen Hassett, mother of Allison Wohl
Milton Viorst, husband of Justith Viorst

Yahrzeit

Harry Albert, Gary Arthur, Max Bender, Shimon Brand, Adolph Braude, Mace Broide, Henrietta Buckheim, Harry Bruckheim, Gary Busch, Eugene Cogan, Stephanie Cohen, Lee Cron, Mina Green Duncan, Myrle Freedman, Sol Friedman, Carol Rockower Goldstein, Sam Gordon, Elin Grogan, Stanley Grossman, Bernie Hamilton, Charles Koppelman, Pearl Lazar, Theodore Samuel Lerner Perlman, Eva Maier, Eileen Morgan, Ethel Morgenstein, Bernie Myers, Cynthia Powell, Mr. David Queller, Samad Rahaii, Manuel Roda, Judy Rosenblatt, Manya Russakoff, Marion Koenig Salkind, Edward Schwartz, James Sender, Elson Spangler, Leon Springer, Judith Sweet, Harry Val, Sondra Weiner, Ruth Wolf, Hartley Zamore, Dale Zingg

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 כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוּן
וּבְיָמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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

לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תִּשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא
דְּאָמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו 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.

Kiddush is hosted by Jane and Mark Cohen.