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Shabbat Vayeshev

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 38: 21-26

- כא** וַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת־אֲנָשֵׁי מְקוֹמָהּ לֵאמֹר אֵיךָ הִקְדַּשְׁתָּהּ הוּא בְּעִינָיִם עַל־הַדָּרֶךְ וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא־הָיְתָה בָּזָה קִדְּשָׁה׃ 21 And when he asked the people of her place, “Where is that courtesan, the one at the crossroads?” they replied, “There wasn’t any courtesan here.”
- כב** וַיָּשֶׁב אֶל־יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא מָצָאתִיהָ וְגַם אֲנָשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם אָמְרוּ לֹא־הָיְתָה בָּזָה קִדְּשָׁה׃ 22 He then returned to Judah and said, “I did not find her; moreover, the people of the place said, “There never has been a courtesan here.””
- כג** וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה תִּקְחִי־לָהּ פֶּן נִהְיֶה לְבוֹז הַגֵּזַל שְׁלַחְתִּי הַגִּדִי הַזֶּה וְאַתָּה לֹא מָצָאתָה׃ 23 Judah then said, “Let her keep it, lest we become a laughingstock! I did send this kid, though you could not find her!”
- כד** וַיְהִי | כְּמִשְׁלֹשׁ חֳדָשִׁים וַיִּגַּד לִיהוּדָה לֵאמֹר זָנְתָה תְּמָר כַּלְתֶּךָ וְגַם הֵינָה הָרָה לְזָנוּנִים וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה הוֹצִיאֶיהָ וְתִשְׂרָף׃ 24 Then, [after] about three months, Judah was told, “Tamar your daughter-in-law has played the harlot; and now she has even become pregnant by harlotry.” And Judah said, “Bring her out and let her be burned!”
- כה** הוּא מוֹצֵאתָ וְהִיא שְׁלַחָה אֶל־חַמְלִיךָ לֵאמֹר לְאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר־אַלְּהָה לוֹ אֲנֹכִי הָרָה וְתֹאמְרֵי הַכֹּהֵן לְמִי הַחַתָּמֹת וְהַפְּתִילִים וְהַמַּטָּה הָאֵלֶּה׃ 25 Brought out she was, but she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “The man to whom these belong made me pregnant. Acknowledge whose signet seal, cords, and staff these are!”
- כו** וַיִּכְּרַח יְהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר צְדָקָה מְאֹד כִּי־עָלִינוּ לֹא־נָתַתְּיָהּ לְשִׁלָּה בְּנִי וְלֹא־יָסַף עוֹד לְדַעְתָּהּ׃ 26 Judah recognized [them] and said, “She is more in the right than I, for certainly I did not give her to my son Shelah.” And he never touched her again.

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Haftarah for Vayeshev: Amos 2: 6-8

In Parashat Vayeshev, Joseph is treated miserably by his brothers. After his father gives him a colorful coat and he brags about it, his brothers throw him in a pit and sell him into slavery. In jail in Egypt, he interprets dreams and proves himself to be a true seer. In this section from Amos, the prophet warns against selling people (perhaps literally or metaphorically), reminding us to focus instead on upholding justice. This is one instance in which we retain the traditional haftarah.

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.

וְכֵן אָמַר יְהוָה עַל־שְׁלֹשָׁה פְּשָׁעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְעַל־אַרְבָּעָה לֹא אֲשִׁיבֵנּוּ עַל־מִכְרָם בְּכֶסֶף
צְדִיק וְאֶבְיוֹן בְּעֶבֶר נַעֲלִים : 6 Thus said the Eternal: For three
transgressions of Israel, for four, I will not
revoke it: Because they have sold for silver
those whose cause was just, and the needy for
a pair of sandals.

זְּאֵהָ אַתָּה עַל־עַפְר־אֲרָץ בְּרֹאשׁ דָּלִים וְדָרָךְ
עֲנֻיִם יָטוּ וְאִישׁ וְאִבְיוֹן יִלְכוּ אֶל־הַנְּעִרָה לְמַעַן
חַלֵּל אֶת־שֵׁם קִדְשִׁי : 7 [Ah,] you who trample the heads of the
poor into the dust of the ground, and make
the humble walk a twisted course! Father and
son go to the same girl, and thereby profane
my holy name.

ח וְעַל־בְּגָדִים חֲבָלִים יָטוּ אֶצֶל כָּל־מִזְבְּחַי וַיִּין
עֲנוּשִׁים יִשְׁתּוּ בַּיַּת אֱלֹהֵיהֶם : 8 They recline by every altar on garments
taken in pledge, and drink in the House of
their God wine bought with fines they
imposed.

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

Marguerite Derrida, 87, translator, philosopher, spouse and parent, Paris, France
Miriam Kleinman, 92, survived Bergen-Belsen to thrive on the Lower East Side, New York
Millie Riley, 84, editor, freelance journalist, and culture-seeker, Washington, DC

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Ajaye Smith, 30, SE DC

Shiva

Milton Viorst, husband of Judith Viorst

Shloshim

Suellen Hassett, mother of Allison Wohl

Yahrzeit

Janice Aron, Harriet Wagner Appleton, Helen Bachorik, Bernice Balash, Wilma Barron, Eulogio Blanco, Norman K. Brenner, Celia Kommel Broder, Frances Chisholm, Kathleen Claffey, Paul Corbett, Harold Eder, Sandra Feldman, George Fox, Eileen Friedman, Marc Bennett Gamble, Stephen Gaymont, Marion Goldberg, Jacob Goldman, Eva Goldman, William Goren, Irene Kadis, Moses Kinstein, Samuel Laver, Bertha E. Levenson, Eli Levitan, Preston Munter, Jerry Ransohoff, Doris Rosenberger Salus, Phyllis Schotz Salzberg, Charles Smith, David Sugarman, Jeanne Talpers, Milton Umansky, May Weinstein, Harry Wellins, Louise Wheatley, Sylvia Wisotzky White, Reuben Wisotzky, Sybil Yermack, Lillian Zapruder

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 וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיָמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִי וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.
יְתְּבָרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְדַקְדָּשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחַמְתָּא
דְאָמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֶל. 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.

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