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14 Tevet, 5783
Shabbat Vayechi

*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)*



Our sanctuary is a sanctuary. Please keep your mobile phone turned off.

We Celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Daskal-Koss

Passing of the Torah Joy Daskal, Bob Daskal, Jen Daskal
Aliyah I Joy Daskal, Bob Daskal
Aliyah II Steve Daskal
Aliyah III Jen Daskal
Aliyah IV Zachary Daskal-Koss
Petichah I Nica Daskal-Koss
Petichah II Nica Daskal-Koss, Jack Daskal, Natalie Daskal
Gelilah Nica Daskal-Koss, Jack Daskal, Natalie Daskal
Ushers Anne Pizer, Micah Pizer, Sam Pizer, and Naomi Pizer

The Angels' Blessing

Music and lyrics by Debbie Friedman

May our right hand bring us closer to our godliness
May our left hand give us strength to face each day
And before us may our vision light our paths ahead
And behind us may well-being heal our way

And all around us is *Shechinah*...

Miy'mini Michael, umismoli Gavriel
Umil'fanai Uri'eil, umei'achorai R'faeil

מימיני מיקאל, ומשמאלי גבריאל
ומלפני אוריאל, ומאחורי רפאל

V'al roshi Shechina...

ועל ראשי שכינה...

*May Michael be at my right hand, Gabriel at my left; before me Uriel, behind me Raphael;
and above my head, the Divine Presence.*

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Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 50: 14-26

- יד** וַיָּשָׁב יוֹסֵף מִצְרָיִמָּה הוּא וְאָחָיו
וְכָל־הָעֲלִים אִתּוֹ לִקְבֹּר אֶת־אָבִיו אַחֲרֵי קִבְרוֹ
אֶת־אָבִיו : 14 Joseph then returned to Egypt—he, his
brothers, and all who had gone with him to
bury his father—after burying his father.
- טו** וַיִּרְאוּ אַחֲרֵי־יוֹסֵף כִּי־מֵת אָבִיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ
יִשְׁטַמְנוּ יוֹסֵף וְהָשִׁב יִשְׁיב לָנוּ אֶת
כָּל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר גָּמְלָנוּ אִתּוֹ : 15 Joseph’s brothers, seeing that their father
was dead, now said, “Perhaps Joseph [still]
bears us enmity and intends to repay us for
all the harm that we inflicted upon him!”
- טז** וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל־יוֹסֵף לֵאמֹר אָבִיךָ צִוָּה לִפְנֵי מוֹתוֹ
לֵאמֹר : 16 So they brought a charge to Joseph,
saying, “Your father left this charge before
his death, saying,
- יז** כֹּה־תֹאמְרוּ לְיוֹסֵף אֲנִי שָׂא נָא פְּשַׁע אַחֲיֶיךָ
וְחַטָּאתָם כִּי־רָעָה גָּמְלוּךָ וְעַתָּה שָׂא נָא לִפְשַׁע
עַבְדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ וַיִּבְדֵּךְ יוֹסֵף בְּדַבְרָם אֵלָיו : 17 “Thus shall you say to Joseph: Please, I
beg of you, forgive the transgression of your
brothers and their sin, though they inflicted
harm upon you”; yet now please forgive the
transgression of the servants of your father’s
God.” Joseph wept as they spoke to him.
- יח** וַיִּלְכְּדוּ גַם־אָחָיו וַיִּפְּלוּ לְפָנָיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֲנִנּוּ
לָךְ לַעֲבָדִים : 18 His brothers also prostrated themselves
before him and said, “Here we are, your
slaves!”
- יט** וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם יוֹסֵף אַל־תִּירְאוּ כִּי הִתַּחַת
אֱלֹהִים אָנִי : 19 Joseph said to them, “Have no fear, for
am I in place of God?
- כ** וְאַתֶּם חֲשַׁבְתֶּם עָלַי רָעָה אֱלֹהִים חֲשַׁבָה
לְטֹבָה לְמַעַן עֲשֶׂה כִּי־זֶה הָיָה לְהַחֲלִית עַם־רַב : 20 Though you intended me harm, God
intended it for good, in order to accomplish
what is now the case, to keep alive a
numerous people.
- כא** וְעַתָּה אַל־תִּירְאוּ אֲנִי אֶנְכִּי אֶכְלָל אֶתְכֶם
וְאֶת־טַפְּכֶם וַיְנַחֵם אוֹתָם וַיְדַבֵּר עֲלֵיבָם : 21 Now, therefore, have no fear—I will
provide for you and your little ones.” Thus
did he comfort them and speak straight to
their hearts.
- כב** וַיֵּשֶׁב יוֹסֵף בְּמִצְרַיִם הוּא וּבֵית אָבִיו וַיְחִי
יוֹסֵף מֵאָה וָעֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים : 22 Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his father’s
household, and Joseph lived 110 years.
- כג** וַיִּרְא יוֹסֵף לְאֶפְרַיִם בְּנֵי שְׁלֹשִׁים גַּם בְּנֵי
מַכִּיר בֶּן־מְנַשֶּׁה יְלָדוּ עַל־בְּרֵכֵי יוֹסֵף : 23 Joseph saw Ephraim’s grandchildren; the
children of Machir, too, Manasseh’s son,
were born on Joseph’s knees.

כד וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֶחָיו אֲנֹכִי מֵת וְאֱלֹהִים
 פִּקְדוֹ יִפְקֹד אֶתְכֶם וְהֵעֲלָה אֶתְכֶם מִן־הָאָרֶץ
 הַזֹּאת אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק
 וְלַיַּעֲקֹב: 24 Joseph then said to his kin, “I am dying,
 but God will surely take care of you and
 bring you up out of this land to the land that
 [God] promised to Abraham, to Isaac, and
 to Jacob.”

כה וַיִּשְׁבַּע יוֹסֵף אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר פִּקְדוֹ
 יִפְקֹד אֱלֹהִים אֶתְכֶם וְהֵעֲלֶתֶם אֶת־עַצְמוֹתַי
 מִזֶּה: 25 Joseph adjured Israel’s children, saying,
 “God will surely take care of you; bring my
 bones up from this place!”

כו וַיָּמָת יוֹסֵף בְּרִמָּאָה וָעֶשֶׂר שָׁנִים וַיַּחַנְטוּ
 אֹתוֹ וַיִּישָׂם בְּאֲרוֹן בְּמִצְרָיִם: 26 Joseph died aged 110 years. They
 embalmed him and he was put into a coffin
 in Egypt.

Chazak, chazak, v'nitchazek!

חַזַּק חַזַּק וְנִתְחַזַּק!

Haftarah for Vayechi: Proverbs 4:11-14

In parashat Vayechi, Jacob blesses his children before his death. His words challenge our understanding of blessing - some of them do not seem hopeful or positive, rather they are straightforward descriptions of character. Today, we wonder what makes a blessing a blessing? Is it a wish for the future, or rather, words of truth, or even something else?

This selection from Proverbs introduces us to another type of blessing from a parent: wisdom. What wisdom is passed down in this proverb? How does it compare to the blessings in the text?

יא בְּדַרְךְ חִכְמָה הֲרִיתִיךָ הַדְּרֹכֹתַיִךְ
 בְּמַעְגְלֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל: 11 I instruct you in the way of wisdom;
 I guide you in straight courses.

יב בְּלִכְתְּךָ לֹא־יִצַּר צַעְדְּךָ וְאִם־תָּרוּץ לֹא
 תִּכְשָׁל: 12 You will walk without breaking stride;
 When you run, you will not stumble.

יג הַחֲזִק בְּמוֹסֶר אֶל־תִּתְּרֶה נְצֻרָה כִּי־הִיא
 חַיִּיךָ: 13 Hold fast to discipline; do not let go;
 Keep it; it is your life.

יד בְּאֲרוֹחַ רְשָׁעִים אַל־תִּבְּאֵן וְאַל־תֵּאֱשֶׁר בְּדַרְךְ
 רְעִים: 14 Do not enter on the path of the wicked;
 Do not walk on the way of evil men.

Siman Tov

Siman tov umazal tov umazal tov v'siman tov
 Y'hei lanu, ul'chol Yisrael.

סימן טוב ומזל טוב.
 ומזל טוב וסימן טוב.
 יהא לנו. ולכל ישראל.

It is a good and lucky sign for us and all Israel!

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

John Moffatt Fugui, 61, Solomon Islands' first Ambassador to China, Beijing, China
Delbert Robinson, 57, loved hanging out with his cat Zingie, West Plains, Missouri
Carol Coates, 46, a fifth-grade teacher, and her mother Dale Coates, 66, Annapolis, Maryland

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Benjie Byers, 33, NW DC; Reekey Garner, 32, NE DC; Martez Toney, 17, SE DC;
Jhonatan Guzman Hernandez, 21, Upper Marlboro, MD; Aniekobo Macaulay Umoh, 50, Brandywine, MD

Shiva

Avrom Bendavid-Val, father of Naftali Bendavid; Ralph Goren, brother of Morton Goren

Shloshim

Milton Viorst

Yahrzeit

Frank Anderson, Eva Benda, Eva Blatt, Genie Blechman, Beatrice Braun, Nancy Dontzin, Sophie Fresco, Benjamin Goldsmith, Erich Heydt, Maurice Horowitz, Konstantin Yacovlevi Jivaykin, B. David Kane, Julius A. Lessman, Richard Levenson, Richard Levi, Kurt Liebenau, Michael Lipczenko, Ruth Lipstein, Rebecca Lister, Samuel Paper, Louise Pasarew, Julia Leopold Petsonk, Regine Ransohoff, Harold Sharlin, Israel "Sonnie" Shulman, Margaret Siebel, Otto Strass, Raisa Vayser, Estelle Rogers Weiss

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.

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 the Daskal-Koss family.

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יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרְעוּתֵיהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעָגְלָא וּבְזִמְנוֹ קָרִיב,
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמִים וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקַדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תִּשְׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא
דְּאִמְרֵינוּ בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.