

February 18, 2023

27 Sh'vat, 5783

**Shabbat Shekalim/Shabbat Mishpatim**

*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 Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Hellman***

- Passing of the Torah..... Jennifer and Matthew Hellman, Roberta and Walter Hellman
- Aliyah I ..... Andrew Narva
- Aliyah II..... Jeff Hellman and Julia Oppenheimer; Arthur Hellman;  
Bonnie and Jerry Hellman; Diana Hellman; Melissa Hellman
- Aliyah III ..... Roberta and Walter Hellman
- Aliyah IV ..... Jennifer and Matthew Hellman, Benjamin Hellman
- Aliyah V ..... Rachel Hellman
- Petichah..... Simon and Max Hellman
- Ushers ..... Stu Kieffer, Shanthi Muthiah, Asha and Rohini Kieffer

**Al Shlosha D'varim**

Al shlosha d'varim, al shlosha d'varim  
Ha'olam, ha'olam omaid.  
Al haTorah, v'al ha'avodah,  
v'al g'milut chasadim.

עַל שְׁלֹשָׁה דְּבָרִים  
הָעוֹלָם עוֹמֵד:  
עַל הַתּוֹרָה, וְעַל הָעֲבוֹדָה  
וְעַל גְּמִילוּת חַסְדִּים.

On three things the world stands: On Torah, on service, and on loving deeds.

**Exodus שְׁמוֹת 22: 9-26**

**ט** כִּי יִתֵּן אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ חֲמֹר אוֹ־שׂוֹר אוֹ־אִשָּׁה וְכָל־בְּהֵמָה לְשֹׂמֵר וּמֵת אוֹ־נִשְׁבֵּר אוֹ־נִשְׁבָּה אִין רָאָה: **9** When a person gives to another an ass, an ox, a sheep or any other animal to guard, and it dies or is injured or is carried off, with no witness about,

**י** שְׁבַעַת יְהוָה תְּהִיָּה בֵּין שְׁנֵיהֶם אִם־לֹא שָׁלַח יָדוֹ בְּמַלְאֲכַת רֵעֵהוּ וְלָקַח בְּעַלְיוֹ וְלֹא יִשְׁלַם: **10** an oath before the Eternal shall decide between the two of them that the one has not laid hands on the property of the other; the owner must acquiesce, and no restitution shall be made.

- יא** וְאִם־גָּנַב יִגְנַב מֵעֹמּוֹ יִשְׁלַם לְבֹעֲלָיו : 11 But if [the animal] was stolen from the guardian, restitution shall be made to its owner.
- יב** אִם־טָרַף יִטָּרַף יְבֵאֵהוּ עַד הַטָּרְפָה לֹא יִשְׁלַם : 12 If it was torn by beasts, the guardian shall bring it as evidence—not needing to replace what has been torn by beasts.
- יג** וְכִי־יִשְׁאַל אִישׁ מֵעַם רְעֵהוּ וְנִשְׁבַּר אוֹיְמָת בְּעַלְיוֹ אִין־עֲמּוֹ שְׁלַם יִשְׁלַם : 13 When a person borrows [an animal] from another and it dies or is injured, its owner not being with it, that person must make restitution.
- יד** אִם־בְּעַלְיוֹ עִמּוֹ לֹא יִשְׁלַם אִם־שָׂכִיר הוּא בָּא בְּשָׂכָרוֹ : 14 If its owner was with it, no restitution need be made; but if it was hired, that payment is due.
- טו** וְכִי־יִפְתֶּה אִישׁ בְּתוּלָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא־אָרְשָׁה וְשָׂכַב עִמָּה מָהָר יִמְהַרְנֶה לוֹ לְאִשָּׁה : 15 If a man seduces a virgin for whom the bride-price has not been paid, and lies with her, he must make her his wife by payment of a bride-price.
- טז** אִם־מָאֵן יִמָּאֵן אָבִיהָ לְתַתָּהּ לוֹ כֶּסֶף יִשְׁקַל כְּמֹהָר הַבְּתוּלוֹת : 16 If her father refuses to give her to him, he must still weigh out silver in accordance with the bride-price for virgins.
- יז** מְכַשְׁפָּה לֹא תַחֲיֶה : 17 You shall not tolerate a sorceress.
- יח** כָּל־שֹׂכֵב עִם־בְּהֵמָה מוֹת יוּמָת : 18 Whoever lies with a beast shall be put to death.
- יט** זֶבַח לְאֱלֹהִים יִחַרֶם בְּלִתי לִיהוָה לְבַדּוֹ : 19 Whoever sacrifices to a god other than the Eternal alone shall be proscribed.
- כ** וְגַר לֹא־תוֹנֶה וְלֹא תִלְחָצְנּוּ כִּי־גֵרִים הָיִיתֶם בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם : 20 You shall not wrong nor oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
- כא** כָּל־אֱלֻמָּנָה וְיָתוֹם לֹא תַעֲנוּן : 21 You [communal leaders] shall not ill-treat any widow or orphan.
- כב** אִם־עֲנֶנָּה תַעֲנֶנָּה אֲתוֹ כִּי אִם־צָעַק יִצְעַק אֵלַי שָׁמַע אֲשָׁמַע צָעַקְתּוֹ : 22 If you do mistreat them, I will heed their outcry as soon as they cry out to Me,
- כג** וְחָרָה אַפִּי וְחָרַגְתִּי אֶתְכֶם בְּחָרֶב וְהָיוּ נְשֵׁיכֶם אֱלֻמָּנוֹת וּבְנֵיכֶם יִתְמִים : 23 and My anger shall blaze forth and I will put you to the sword, and your own wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

- כד** אִם־כִּסְּפוּ | תִּלְוֶה אֶת־עַמִּי אֶת־הָעֲנִי עִמָּךְ לֹא־תִהְיֶה לוֹ כְּנִשְׂאָה לֹא־תִשְׁיָמוּן עָלָיו נִשְׂדָּךְ : 24 If you lend money to My people, to the poor among you, do not act toward them as a creditor; exact no interest from them.
- כה** אִם־חָבַל תִּחְבֹּל שְׁלֵמֶת רַעֲךָ עַד־בֹּא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ תִּשְׁיָבְנוּ לוֹ : 25 If you take your neighbor's garment in pledge, you must return it before the sun sets;
- כו** כִּי הוּא הוּא כְּסוּתָהּ לְבִדָּה הוּא שְׁמֹלְתוֹ לְעָרוֹ בְּמָה יִשְׁכָּב וְהִיא כִּי־יִצְעַק אֵלַי וְשָׁמַעְתִּי כִּי־חֲנוּן אָנִי : 26 it is the only available clothing—it is what covers the skin. In what else shall [your neighbor] sleep? Therefore, if that person cries out to Me, I will pay heed, for I am compassionate.

### Haftarah for Mishpatim: Ezekiel 1: 4-9

*Parashat Mishpatim is full of the laws that Moses brings from Mount Sinai, but in Exodus 24:9-10, Moses, Aaron, Nadav, Avihu, and the elders of the people arise and have a vision of God. They see a pavement of sapphire and purity. Ezekiel 1 describes a completely other and in many ways, mystifying, portrait of God. It's hard to know where to focus as this entity has multiple faces, arms, and legs, and seems to be part animal, part machine, and part on fire. What can we learn from these disparate images of divinity? How do we imagine God today, physical or otherwise?*

- ד** וַאֲרָא וְהִנֵּה רוּחַ סְעָרָה בָּאָה מִן־הַצָּפוֹן עָנָן גָּדוֹל וְאֵשׁ מִתְּלַחַחַת וְנִגְהָ לּוֹ סָבִיב וּמִתּוֹכָהּ כְּעֵין הַחֹשֶׁמֶל מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ : 4 I looked, and lo, a stormy wind came sweeping out of the north—a huge cloud and flashing fire, surrounded by a radiance; and in the center of it, in the center of the fire, a gleam as of amber.
- ה** בּוֹמִתּוֹכָהּ דְּמוֹת אַרְבַּע חַיּוֹת וְזֶה מַרְאִיהֶן דְּמוֹת אָדָם לְהִנָּה : 5 In the center of it were also the figures of four creatures. And this was their appearance: They had the figures of human beings.
- ו** וְאַרְבַּעָה פָּנִים לְאַחַת וְאַרְבַּע כַּנְפֵי לְאַחַת לָהֶם : 6 However, each had four faces, and each of them had four wings;
- ז** וְרַגְלֵיהֶם רֵגֶל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכַף רַגְלֵיהֶם כַּכַּף רֵגֶל עֵגֶל וְנִצְצִים כְּעֵין נְחֹשֶׁת קָלִיל : 7 the legs of each were [fused into] a single rigid leg, and the feet of each were like a single calf's hoof; and their sparkle was like the luster of burnished bronze.
- ח** וַיְדִי אֲדָם מִתַּחַת כַּנְפֵיהֶם עַל אַרְבַּעַת רַבְעֵיהֶם וּפְנֵיהֶם וּכְנֵפֵיהֶם לְאַרְבַּעַתָּם : 8 They had human hands below their wings. The four of them had their faces and their wings on their four sides.
- ט** חִבְּרַת אִשָּׁה אֶל־אַחֻתָּהּ כַּנְפֵיהֶם לֹא־יִסְבּוּ בְּלִכְתָּן אִישׁ אֶל־עֵבֶר פָּנָיו יֵלְכוּ : 9 Each one's wings touched those of the other. They did not turn when they moved; each could move in the direction of any of its faces.

## 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!*

## ***Refuah Shleimah***

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Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Howard Berman, Ellen Buckley, Judith Chisholm, Don Elisburg, Netanel Felber, Phil Feld, Rabbi Stanley Funston, Pat Goldman, Ken Goldstein, Jeffrey Goodman, Helene Granof, Richard Greenfield, Skylar Haas, David Hahn, Dusty Kaplan, Zev Shmuel Kesselman, Lum Laurri, Mark Laurri, Stu Levine, Dan Lutenegeger, Chris Mahle, Micah ben Nechama Evi, Mildred Marin, Stephanie Mendez, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, Jack Paul, Rachel bat Chava, Lois Rosen, Sarah Golde bat Shifrah, David Scheever, Jo Schonewolf, Charles Schussheim, Cynthia Seymour, Annette Shaw, Elsa Smith, Alan Thal, Susan Turnbull, Brian J. Tunney, Betty Ustun, Peter Waldheim, Mimi Wolf, Yael Yudis Malcah bas Gilah

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

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Nad'a Urbánková, 83, stage and screen actress, Prague, Czech Republic  
Emily Thompson, 37, parent, loved crochet and card games, Lexington, Kentucky  
Barbara Shanahan, 94, "sharp of tongue but big of heart," Richmond, Virginia

## ***We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC***

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Thomas Goodman, 42, SE DC; Melvin Henderson, 27, SE DC

## ***Shiva***

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Ethel Hansan, aunt of Cheryl Schwartz, grandaunt of Rielle Miller Gabriel

## ***Shloshim***

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Alice Goldman, Jay Kaufman, Henry Rosenblum, Eve Sparberg

## ***Yahrzeit***

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Frank David Allender, Tuna Barkey, Lorraine Beraha, Rachel Feldhay Brenner, Edgar Cahn, Jane Coates, Eugene Cohen, Nathan Feldman, Ruth Ann Ferguson, Eliana Finberg, Ruth Gruber, Rosette Herschkovitz, Clarence Ikerd, Betsy Kanarek, Leonard Karabell, Hannah Laipson, Eric W. Larisch, Liesl Lipczenko, Josephine Narva, Bob Nielsen, Rachel Paikin, Anna Reiner-Charval, Philip Schiff, Hanna Schussheim, Russell Scott, Melvyn Weiner, Etta Sugarman Weisman, Natalie Westreich

## 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 Hellman family.***

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