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16 Elul, 5783

Shabbat Ki Tavo

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. If your mobile phone is not in use as an adaptive device, please turn it off.
Leading services this evening are Rabbi Zemel and Rabbi Slakman.*

Candles

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, asher בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.
Shabbat.

*We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe.
You hallow us with Your Mitzvot and command us to kindle the light of Shabbat.*

Kiddush

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
borei p'ri hagafen. Baruch Atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
Melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'ratzah אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ וְרָצָה בָּנוּ, וְשַׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוּ
vanu, v'shabat kodsho b'ahavah uv'ratzon hinchilanu, בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילָנוּ, וְזָכְרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית.
zikaron l'maaseh v'reishit. Ki hu yom t'hilah l'mikra'ei כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִילָה לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ, זָכָר לַיְצִיאַת
kodesh, zeicher litziat mitzrayim. Ki vanu vacharta מִצְרַיִם. כִּי-בָנוּ בְּחֶרֶת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ, מִכָּל-הָעַמִּים,
v'otanu kidashta mikol ha'amim, v'shabbat kodsh'cha וְשַׁבַּת קִדְּשָׁתָּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתָּנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה
b'ahavah uv'ratzon hinchaltanu. Baruch Atah, יי, מְקִדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.
Adonai, m'kadeish hashabbat.

*We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.
We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe; You call us to holiness with the Mitzvah of Shabbat – the
sign of Your love, a reminder of Your creative work, and of our liberation from Egyptian bondage, our day of days.
On Shabbat especially, we hearken to Your call to serve You as a holy people. We praise You, O God, for the
holiness of Shabbat.*

Challah

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech ha'olam, בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
hamotzi lechem min ha'aretz. הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, who causes bread to come from the earth.

Hashkiveinu

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom,
V'haamideinu Shomreinu, l'chaim
Ufros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha,
ufros aleinu sukkat sh'lomecha, Amen.

הַשְּׁכִיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם,
וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵינוּ לְחַיִּים
וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ, אָמֵן.

Shelter us beneath your wings, O Adonai
Guard us from all harmful things, O Adonai
Keep us safe throughout the night
'til we wake with morning's light
Teach us, God, wrong from right. Amen.

Create a Pure Heart within Me

Jacob Niemi

Create a pure heart within me,
let my soul wake up in Your light.
Open me to Your Presence;
flood me with Your holy spirit.
Then I will stand and sing out
the power of Your forgiveness.
I will teach Your love to the lonely;
the lost will find their way home.

Kein Y'hi Ratzon

Elana Arian

May we be safe, may we be free
May we find space, space to just be

Kein y'hi ratzon, kein y'hi ratzon
May we find our way back home

כֵּן יְהִי רָצוֹן.

ROSH HASHANAH LITURGY

Hayom Harat Olam- This is the day that the world was created

ON SIN AND REPENTANCE

"In Judaism, the conception of **repentance**--regretting sin, determining not to repeat it, seeking forgiveness for it--**defines the key to the moral life with God**. No single component of the human condition takes higher priority in establishing a right relationship with God, and none bears more profound implications for this-worldly attitudes and actions; the entire course of a human life, filled as it is with the **natural** propensity to sin, that is, to rebel against God, but comprised also by the **compelled** requirement of confronting God's response, punishment for sin, takes its direction, finds its critical turning, at the act of repentance, **the first step in the regeneration of the human condition as it was meant to be.**"

Jacob Neusner

What Neusner is saying here, is that repentance is key to returning the world to the way God wished it could be at creation.

1. Who, in literature, is a role model for repentance?
2. Is Neusner saying that both sin and repentance defines our humanity?
3. Note the two words "natural" and "compelled." Isn't that great? Does that define Judaism?

IN CONTRAST-SIN IN CHRISTIANITY

"Sin entered the world through one man (Adam) and death entered through sin and spread to all men because all men sin." Romans 5:12

This is the source of the Christian doctrine of original sin. Sin is inherited from birth. One cannot be human without being born in sin.

Judaism teaches that it is true that we all commit sins but we are sinful as an element of human character. We are not born in sin but with a clean slate. Our sins are not inherited. They are acts that we commit for which we should strive to atone. We each possess a *Yetzer ha-tov* (inclination for good) and a *yetzer ha-rab* (inclination for evil). As humans, we try to work towards the good and minimize the evil of which we are capable. We pray to a God who remembers the good deeds that we perform. ("God remembers the good deeds of our ancestors." "*Zocher chasdei avot*") In prayer, we seek to be inspired by the goodness of our ancestors.

Isaac Mayer Wise sought to change the wording to "*Zocher brit avot*/ remember the **covenant** with our ancestors."

Refuah Shleimah

Mohammad Amiri, Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Howard Berman, Judith Chisholm, Don Elisburg, Phil Feld, Rabbi Stanley Funston, Sean Grogan, David Hahn, Robin Kaplan, Joyce Kitcho, Stu Levine, Dan Lutenecker, Dan Mack, Mildred Marin, Micah ben Nechama Evi, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, Bill Page, Rachel bat Chava, David Reynolds, Lois Rosen, Eric Rosenberg, Sarah Golde bat Shifrah, Jo Schonewolf, Charles Schussheim, Sarah Sherman, Paulette Shulman, Elsa Smith, Betty Ustun, Bobbie Wendel, Mimi Wolf

We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Jaquiah Johnson, 18, SE DC; Larry Thomas, 27, Triangle, VA; Jamal Walton, 25, NW DC

Condolences

Rhoda H. Berke, mother of Debra Berke

Shiva

Beverly Rubin Manning, mother of Barbara Manning; Alan Thal, uncle of Rabbi Stephanie Crawley

Shloshim

Enid Marjorie Alpern, mother of Sue Alpern Fisch

Yahrzeit

Marilyn Collatz Bodor, Beryl Brown, Murray Donenfeld, Hyman Edelman, Judith Evans, David Faulker, Greta Frankensfeld, Marcia Freedman, Janet Garner Perlman, Stuart Goldberg, Fannie Kabat, Susie Kaminsky, Gertrude Klaus, Eunice Grohman Klein, Samuel Levine, Sarah Manasavit, Emanuel Mazur, Ann Milbank, I. William Nusbaum, Marjorie Pokroy, Ann Saferstein, Beverlee Schiff, Gloria Schneider, Edward Schroth, Ida Seelig, Barbara Sherman, Esther Sherman, Marion Shroot, Pearl Simmons, David I. Sindell, Alan Stark, Joel Steinhauer, Norma Aronson Wegner, Rita Welles, William Witte, Abraham 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.

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְנָן
קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהִי שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמֵי עֲלְמַיָּא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא
וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרִכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחַמְתָּא
דְאָמְרוּ בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהִי שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה 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.

Temple Micah acknowledges our synagogue stands on the traditional territory of the Piscataway and Nacotchtank (Anacostan) peoples. We pay respect to their elders past and present and recognize their stewardship of this land and the vital contribution of indigenous peoples to this nation we share.

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