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12 Kislev, 5784

Shabbat Vayetzei

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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Yihyu L'Ratzon

Michelle Citrin

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi v'hegyon libi
l'fanecha, Adonai tzuri v'go-ali.

Go inside you heart, just be
Go inside your heart and see,
what it wants, what it needs,
what it yearns when you breathe.
Go inside your heart and see.

יהיו לרצון אמרי פי והגיון לבי לפניך
יְי צורי וגואלי.

May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
be kind, be true, may they
be acceptable to you,
Oh my rock, my Rock and my redeemer.

Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 28:10-22

10 And Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Haran.

11 Coming upon a [certain] place, he passed the night there, for the sun was setting; taking one of the stones of the place, he made it his head-rest as he lay down in that place.

12 He dreamed, and lo—a ladder was set on the ground, with its top reaching to heaven, and lo—angels of God going up and coming down on it.

13 And lo—the Eternal stood up above it, and said, “I, the Eternal, am the God of your father Abraham and God of Isaac: the land on which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants.

14 And your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread out to the west and the east and the north and the south. Through you and your descendants all the families of the earth shall find blessing.

י וַיֵּצֵא יַעֲקֹב מִבְּעָר שֶׁבַע וַיֵּלֶךְ חָרָנָה :

יא וַיִּפְגַּע בְּמָקוֹם וַיֵּלֶן שָׁם כִּיבָא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ וַיִּקַּח מֵאבְנֵי הַמָּקוֹם וַיִּשָּׂם מִרְאשֹׁתָיו וַיִּשְׁכַּב בְּמָקוֹם הַהוּא :

יב וַיַּחְלֵם וְהִנֵּה סֹלֶם מַצֵּב אֶרֶצָה וְרֹאשׁוֹ מִגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וְהִנֵּה מַלְאכֵי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ :

יג וְהִנֵּה יְהוָה נֹצֵב עָלָיו וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתֶיךָ וַיִּחַק הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה שֹׁכֵב עָלֶיהָ לְךָ אֶתְנַנָּה וְלְזָרְעֶךָ :

יד וְהָיָה זָרְעֶךָ כְּעֹפֶר הָאָרֶץ וּפְרָצְתָּ יָמָה וְקִדְמָה וְצָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה וְנִבְרָכוּ בְּךָ כָּל־מִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאָדָמָה וּבְזָרְעֶךָ :

15 And here I am, with you: I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this soil. I will not let go of you as long as I have yet to do what I have promised you.”

16 Waking from his sleep, Jacob said, “Truly, the Eternal is in this place, and I did not know it!”

17 He was awestruck, and said, “How awe-inspiring is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!”

18 Rising early that morning, Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a monument. He then poured oil on its top.

19 He named that place Beth El. (But originally the town’s name was Luz.)

20 Jacob then made this vow: “If God is with me and watches over me on this path that I am taking and gives me bread to eat and clothes to wear,

21 and if I return safely to my father’s house, then will the Eternal be my God;

22 and this stone that I have set up as a monument shall be a house of God. And [of] all that You give me, I will dedicate a tenth to You.”

טו והנה אנכי עמו ושמרתיך בכל אשר תלך
והשבתך אלהיך ואת האדמה הזאת כי לא אעזבך
עד אשר אסעשיתי את אשר דברתי לך:

טז וייקץ יעקב משנתו ולאמר אכן יש יהוה
במקום הזה ואנכי לא ידעתי:
יז ויירא ויאמר מה־נורא המקום הזה אין זה
כי אסבית אלהים וזה שער השמים:

יח וישכם יעקב בבקר ויקח את האבן
אשר שם מראשיתו וישם אתה מצבה ויצק
שמן על ראשה:

יט ויקרא את שם המקום ההוא בית אל
ואולם לוי שם העיר לראשנה:

כ ויזר יעקב נדר לאמר אם יהיה אלהים
עמדי ושמרני בדרכי הנה אשר אנכי הולך
ונתת לי לחם לאכל וביגד ללבש:

כא ושבתני בשלום אל־בית אבי והיה יהוה לי
לאלהים:

כב והאבן הזאת אשר שמתל מצבה יהיה
בית אלהים וכל אשר תתן לי עשר אעשרנו
לך:

Haftarah for Thanksgiving: Joshua 1:1-9, 5:1, Native American Poetry

Blessing 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 *de’ab*, knowledge: for the opportunity to choose the holy words that we pass on to the next generation.

1 After the death of Moses, God’s servant, God said to Joshua ben Nun, Moses’ attendant:

2 “My servant Moses has died. Prepare to cross the Jordan, together with the whole people, into the land that I am giving to you, to the Israelites.

3 Each spot on which your foot treads I give to you, as I promised Moses.

(א) ויהי אחרי מות משה עבד יהוה ויאמר יהוה
אל־יהושע בן־נון משרת משה לאמר:

(ב) משה עבדי מת ועתה קום עבר את הירדן
הנה אתה וכל העם הזה אלהיך אשר אנכי
נתן להם לבני ישראל:

(ג) כל־מקום אשר תדרוך ברגלכם בו לכם
נתתיו כאשר דברתי אל־משה:

4 Your territory shall extend from the wilderness and the Lebanon to the Great River, the River Euphrates, where the sun rises—the whole Hittite land—and up to the Mediterranean Sea on the west.

5 No one shall be able to resist you as long as you live. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you.

6 Be strong and resolute, for you shall apportion to this people the land that I swore to their ancestors to give to them.

7 But you must be very strong and resolute to observe faithfully all the Torah that my servant Moses enjoined upon you. Do not deviate from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

8 Let not this book of the Torah cease from your lips, but recite it day and night, so that you may observe faithfully all that is written in it. Only then will you prosper in your undertakings and only then will you be successful.

9 I charge you: Be strong and resolute; do not be terrified or dismayed, for Adonai your God is with you wherever you go.”

5:1 When all the kings of the Amorites on the western side of the Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites near the Sea, heard how the Eternal had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the sake of the Israelites until they crossed over, [the kings] lost heart, and no spirit was left in them because of the Israelites.

(ד) מִהַמְדְּבָר וְהַלְבָּנוֹן הַזֶּה וְעַד־הַנָּהָר הַגָּדוֹל
נְהַר־פְּרָת כָּל אֶרֶץ הַחִתִּים וְעַד־הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל מִבּוֹא
הַשָּׁמֶשׁ יִהְיֶה גְבוּלְכֶם :

(ה) לֹא־יִתְנַצֵּב אִישׁ לְפָנַי כָּל יְמֵי חַיָּיךָ בְּאִשְׁרֵי
הַיְיָ עִם־מֹשֶׁה אֲהִיֶּה עִמָּךְ לֹא אֶרְפֶּךָ וְלֹא
אֶעֱזָבְךָ :

(ו) חֲזַק וְאַמֵּץ כִּי אֲתָה תִּנְחִיל אֶת־הָעָם הַזֶּה
אֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאֲבוֹתֶם לָתֵת לָהֶם :

(ז) רַק חֲזַק וְאַמֵּץ מְאֹד לִשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׂוֹת
כְּכֹל־הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר צִוֶּךָ מֹשֶׁה עַבְדִּי אֶל־תִּסּוּר מִמֶּנּוּ
יָמִין וּשְׂמָאוֹל לִמְעַן תִּשְׁכִּיל בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר תִּלְדֶּךָ :

(ח) לֹא־יִמּוּשׁ סֵפֶר הַתּוֹרָה הַזֶּה מִפִּיךָ וְהִגִּיתָ בּוֹ
יוֹמָם וְלַיְלָה לְמַעַן תִּשְׁמֹר לַעֲשׂוֹת כְּכֹל־הַכְּתוּב בּוֹ
כִּי־אֲזַ תִּצְלִיחַ אֶת־דְּרָכְךָ וְאֲזַ תִּשְׁכִּיל :

(ט) הֲלוֹא צִוִּיתִיךָ חֲזַק וְאַמֵּץ אֶל־תַּעֲרֹץ וְאֶל־תַּחַת
כִּי עִמָּךְ יִהְיֶה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר תִּלְדֶּךָ :

(א) וַיְהִי כִשְׁמַע כָּל־מַלְכֵי הָאֱמֹרִי אֲשֶׁר בְּעֵבֶר
הַיַּרְדֵּן יָמָה וְכָל־מַלְכֵי הַכְּנַעֲנִי אֲשֶׁר עַל־הַיָּם אֶת
אֲשֶׁר־הוֹבִישׁ יְהוָה אֶת־מֵי הַיַּרְדֵּן מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל
עַד־עֲבָרָנוּ [עֲבָרָם] וַיִּמָּס לְבָבָם וְלֹא־הָיָה בָּם עוֹד
רוּחַ מִפְּנֵי בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל :

Blessing after the reading:

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam shenatan mechochmato l'basar vadam.

Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who gave of their wisdom to humanity.

Native Poetry Selections

Esther Belin, “Blues-ing on the Brown Vibe”

Esther Belin, “Blues-ing on the Brown Vibe” from *From the Belly of My Beauty*. Copyright © 1999 by Esther Belin. Reprinted by permission of University of Arizona Press.

I.

And Coyote struts down East 14th
feeling good
looking good
feeling the brown
melting into the brown that loiters
rapping with the brown in front of the Native American Health Center
talking that talk
of relocation from tribal nation
of recent immigration to the place some call the United States
home to many dislocated funky brown

ironic immigration

more accurate tribal nation to tribal nation

and Coyote sprinkles corn pollen in the four directions
to thank the tribal people
 indigenous to what some call the state of California
 the city of Oakland
for allowing use of their land.

III.

And Coyote wanders
right into a Ponca sitting at the Fruitvale Bart station
next to the Ponca is a Seminole
Coyote struts up to the two
“Where ya’all from?”

the Ponca replies

“Oooklahooma”

pause

the Seminole silent watches a rush of people climb in and out of the train
headed for Fremont

the Seminole stretches his arms up and back stiff from the wooden benches

pause

he pushes his lips out toward the Ponca slowly gesturing that he too is from Oklahoma

Coyote wanders

“where ’bouts?”

the Ponca replies

“Ponnca City”

pause

the Seminole replies

“Seminole”

Coyote gestures to the Ponca

“You Ponca?”

the Ponca nods his head in affirmation

Coyote nods his head in content

to the Seminole

Coyote asks

“You Seminole?”

pause

the Seminole now watching some kids eating frozen fruit bars

nods his head

and Coyote shares his smokes with the two

and ten minutes later

they travel together on the Richmond train

headed for Wednesday night dinner at the Intertribal Friendship House.

IV.

And Coyote blues-ing on the urban brown funk vibe

wanders

in and out of existence

tasting the brown

rusty at times

worn bitter from relocation.

Kimberly Blaeser, “Goodbye to all that”

Kimberly Blaeser, “Goodbye to All That” from *Apprenticed to Justice*. Copyright © 2007 by Kimberly Blaeser. Reprinted by permission of Salt Publishing.

ii.

Old histories that name us enemies

don’t own us; nor do our politics

grown so pow-wow liberal you seldom

point out the follies of White Earth tribal leaders.

(Except of course for the time our elected chair
mistakenly and under the influence of civilization

drove his pickup down the railroad tracks

and made the tri-state ten o’clock news.)

And Sundays behind the *Tribune*

he seldom even mentions the rabid casino bucks

or gets out his calculator and with lodge-pole eyebrows

methodically measures beaded distances,

results of territorial lines drawn in your homeland.

Blessing for After the Haftarah 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

Mohammad Amiri, Sarah Bardin, Evi Beck, Ronni Behar, Ira Berlin, Howard Berman, Peg Blechman, Judith Chisholm, Don Elisburg, Phil Feld, Nora Fletcher, Rabbi Stanley Funston, Helene Granof, David Hahn, Robin Kaplan, Mildred Katz, Brenda Levenson, Hy Levine, Dan Lutenegger, Catherine Lynch, Dan Mack, Mildred Marin, Micah ben Nechama Evi, Sophie Meyers, Bryant Monroe, Bill Page, David Pansegrouw, 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 Pray for the Safe Return of Those Held Captive by Hamas

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Carlos Javier-Blanco Fernandez, 38, no fixed address; Keith Lawrence, 43, SE DC; Nakysia Rachael Lemon-Williams, 26, no fixed address; Shane Williams, 18, SE DC; Anwar Wingate, 24, Forestville, MD

Shloshim

Michael Cooley, Alan McConagha, Neil B. Shulman

Yahrzeit

Joseph Behar, Pearl Behar, Benjamin Bornstein, Gloria Goldsholl Broide, Edythe Buono, Jack Carpien, John Chalmers Chisholm, Harold Claster, Dan Ferrier, Lucy Feuer, Helen Fine, Alex Fried, Ira Funston, Ezra Garrell, Pauline Geldern, Miriam Goldeen, Ruth Green, Cylli Helpert, Donald Greenberg, Maxine Inlander, Ruth Jonas Bardin, Alison Kaplan, Aaron Katz, Richard King, Steve Laver, Donald Lehmann, Lillian Lehmann, Ida Lessman, Wallace London, June Lu, Miriam Miller, Joan Muchnick, William Muchnick, Goldie Nussbaum, Helen Presman, Jack Samuels Schiffman, Alex Schiffman-Shilo, Lee L. Shapiro, Milton Shaw, Mathew Sherman, Harry J. Stein, Al Taylor, Teri Weinman, Arthur Young

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.

וַיִּתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא.
בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ וַיִּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ
בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי
עָלְמַיָּא.
יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא
וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.
בְּרִיךְ הוּא.
לְעֵלְא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא
וְנִחְמָתָא דְאִמְיָרָן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.
עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ 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.

Oseh Shalom

Oseh Shalom bim'ro'mav
Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמֵי
הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ.

May the One who makes peace bring peace to us and to all Israel.

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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