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Shabbat Vayigash

*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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Our service is led by Rabbi Crawley, Rabbi Frank, and Dan Lee.**

Yih'yu L'ratzon

Elana Arian

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

יהיו לרצון אמרי פי והגיון לבי לפניך,
יְיָ צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Torah for Vayigash: Genesis בְּרֵאשִׁית 44:30-45:4

30 “And now, if I go to your servant my father and the lad—whose whole being is bound up in his—is not with us,

וְעַתָּה כִּבְּאֵלֵי אֶל-עַבְדְּךָ אָבִי וְהַנֶּעֱר אֵינְנוּ אִתָּנוּ לְ
:וְנִפְשׁוּ קִשּׁוּרָה בְּנִפְשׁוֹ

31 and he sees that the lad is not there, he will die, and your servants will have lowered your servant our father’s gray head in anguish to Sheol.

וְהָיָה כִּרְאוּתוֹ כִּי-אֵין הַנֶּעֱר וְנָמַת וְהוֹרִידוּ לֹא
:עַבְדְּךָ אֶת-שֵׁיבַת עַבְדְּךָ אֲבִינוּ בְּיָגוֹן שְׂאֵלָה

32 For your servant made himself responsible for the lad to my father, saying, ‘If I don’t bring him back to you, I will stand guilty before my father for all time.’

כִּי עַבְדְּךָ עָרַב אֶת-הַנֶּעֱר מֵעַם אָבִי לְאֹמֶר לֵב
:אִם-לֹא אָבִיאנּוּ אֵלֶיךָ וְחָטַאתִי לְאָבִי כָּל-הַיָּמִים

33 So now, please let your servant remain as my lord’s slave in place of the lad, and let the lad go home with his brothers;

וְעַתָּה יִשְׁבֶּנָּה עַבְדְּךָ תַּחַת הַנֶּעֱר עֶבֶד לְאֹדְנִי לֵג
:וְהַנֶּעֱר יַעַל עִם-אֶחָיו

34 for how can I go home to my father without the lad, and thus see the harm my father will suffer?”

כִּי-אֵיךְ אֶעְלֶה אֶל-אָבִי וְהַנֶּעֱר אֵינְנוּ אִתִּי כֵּן לֹד
:אֶרְאֶה בְרֹעַ אֲשֶׁר יִמָּצָא אֶת-אָבִי

45:1 Joseph could no longer restrain himself before all who were standing in attendance on him, so he cried, “Send everyone away from me!” so that no one else was there when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

וְלֹא-יָכַל יוֹסֵף לְהִתְאַפֵּק לְכָל הַנֹּצְצִים עָלָיו א
:וַיִּקְרָא הוֹצִיאוּ כָּל-אִישׁ מֵעָלָי וְלֹא-עָמַד אִישׁ אִתּוֹ
:בְּהִתְנַדַּע יוֹסֵף אֶל-אֶחָיו

2 He gave voice to a loud wail, and the Egyptians heard—Pharaoh’s palace heard!

3 Joseph then said to his brothers, “I am Joseph—is my father [really] alive?” But his brothers were unable to answer him—they recoiled in fear of him.

4 Joseph then went on to say to his brothers, “Come, draw near to me!” so they drew near. He said, “I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold to Egypt...”

וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־קוֹלוֹ בְּבִכּוֹ וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ מִצְרַיִם וַיִּשְׁמַע בְּבֵית פַּרְעֹה:

וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֶחָיו אֲנִי יוֹסֵף הֲעוֹד אַבְי תָּהִי ג וְלֹא־יָכְלוּ אֶחָיו לֵעֲנֹת אֹתוֹ כִּי נִבְהָלוּ מִפָּנָיו:

ד וַיֹּאמֶר יוֹסֵף אֶל־אֶחָיו גִּשׁוּ־נָא אֵלַי וַיִּגָּשׁוּ וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי יוֹסֵף אֲחֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר־מָכַרְתֶּם אֹתִי מִצְרַיִמָּה:

Haftarah for Vayigash: Isaiah 11:1-8

1 But a shoot shall grow out of the stump of Jesse, a twig shall sprout from his stock.

2 The spirit of God shall alight upon him:
A spirit of wisdom and insight,
A spirit of counsel and valor,
A spirit of devotion and reverence for God.

3 He shall sense the truth by his reverence for God: he shall not judge by what his eyes behold, nor decide by what his ears perceive.

4 Thus he shall judge the poor with equity
And decide with justice for the lowly of the land. He shall strike down a land with the rod of his mouth and slay the wicked with the breath of his lips.

5 Justice shall be the girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his waist.

6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard lie down with the kid;
The calf, the beast of prey, and the fatling together, with a little boy to herd them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze,
Their young shall lie down together;
And the lion, like the ox, shall eat straw.

8 A babe shall play over a viper’s hole, and an infant pass its hand over an adder’s den.

וַיֵּצֵא חֹטֵר מִגִּזְעֵי יִשְׁשַׁי וַנִּצַּר מִשְׁרָשָׁיו יִפְרֶה א

ב וַנְּתַה עָלָיו רוּחַ יְהוָה רוּחַ חֲכָמָה וּבִינָה רוּחַ עֲצָה ב וּגְבוּרָה רוּחַ דַּעַת וַיִּרְאֵת יְהוָה:

ג וְהִרְיָחוּ בְּיִרְאֵת יְהוָה וְלֹא־לְמַרְאֵה עֵינָיו יִשְׁפֹּט ג וְלֹא־לְמִשְׁמַע אָזְנוֹ יוֹכִיחַ:

ד וְשָׁפֵט בְּצִדְקָה דְלִים וְהוֹכִיחַ בְּמִישׁוֹר ד וְעֲנִי־אֶרֶץ וְהִפֶּה־אֶרֶץ בְּשִׁבְטֵי פִּיו וּבְרוּחַ שְׁפָתָיו יָמִית רָשָׁע:

ה וְהָיָה צִדְקָה אֲזוֹר מְתַגְּלוֹ וְהֶאֱמוּנָה אֲזוֹר חֲלָצִיו ה

ו וְגַר זָאֵב עִם־כֶּבֶשׂ וְנֹמֵר עִם־אֲגִי יִרְבֹּץ וְעֹגֵל ו וּבְכִפִּיר וּמְרִיא יִחְדָּו וְנָעַר קִטָּן נִהַג בָּם:

ז וּפְרָה וְדֹב תִרְעֹינָה יַחְדָּו יִרְבְּצוּ יִלְדִיָּהּ וְאַרְיֵה ז כַּבְּקָר יֹאכַל־חֶמְדָּן:

ח וְשָׁעֲשַׁע יוֹנֵק עַל־חַר פִּתָּן וְעַל־מְאוּרַת צִפְעוֹנָי ח גְּמוּל יָדוּ הָדָה:

Refuah Shleimah

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We Pray for Those Held Captive by Hamas

Noa Argamani, 26; Karina Arieiv, 19; Liraz Assulin, 38; Nick Beiser, 19; Celine Ben David Nagar, 32; Ohad Ben-Ami, 55; Agam Berger, 19; Shiri Bibas, 32; Ariel Bibas, 4; Yarden Bibas, 37; Kfir Bibas, 9 months; Elkana Bohbot, 24; Elia Cohen, 26; Amiram Cooper, 84; David Cunio, 33; Alexander Dancyg, 75; Evyatar David, 26; Karina Ella Davidov, 30; Sagui Dekel-Chen; Liri Elbag, 18; Itzhak Elgarat, 68; Dikla Eliaz Arava, 51; Tomer Eliaz, 17; Noam Elyakim, 47; Ronen Engel, 54; Carmel Gat, 39; Daniella Gilboa, 19; Guy Gilboa-Dalal, 22; Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23; Avner Goren, 56; Maya Goren, 56; Ilana Gritzewsky, 30; Tamar Gutman, 27; Gad Haggai, 73; Inbar Haiman, 27; Louis Har, 70; Avshal Haran, 65; Tsachi Idan, 51; Ofer Kalderon, 53; Efrat Katz, 68; Elad Katzir, 47; Bar Kuperstein, 21; Naama Levy, 19; Or Levy, 33; Oded Liftshitz, 83; Alon Lulu Shamriz, 26; Adi Maizel; Jake Marlowe, 26; Fernando Marman, 60; Almog Meir Jan, 21; Yoram Metzger, 80; Omri Miran, 46; Gadi Moshe Mosez, 79; Rotem Neumann, 25; Shifra Noy, 70; Silvia Ochayon, 58; Alon Ohel, 22; Avinatan Or, 30; Dror Or, 48; Chaim Peri, 79; Nadav Popplewell, 51; Itai Regev, 18; Eli Sharabi, 55; Noa Sharabi, 16; Yossi Sharabi, 53; Omer Shem Tov, 21; Ron Sherman, 19; Tal Shoham, 38; Idan Shtivi, 28; Keith Siegel, 64; Margit Silberman, 63; Yossi Silberman, 67; Judith Lynne Weinstein, 70; Omer Wenkert, 22; Ohad Yahalomi, 49; Shlomo Ziv, 40

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We Remember Those Lost to Violence in Washington, DC

Reyna Garcia-Lopez, 32, NW, DC; Jihad Darden, 27, NW, DC; Kenneth Barksdale, Jr., 28, SE, DC

Shloshim

Rabbi David Ellenson; Judah Lev Bornstein Kona, son of Alejandra Bornstein Kona and Matt Kona; Martin Mayblum, brother of Harriett Stonehill; Lois Broder, stepmother of Betsy Broder, mother-in-law to David Wentworth, and grandmother to Ariel and Caroline Wentworth

Yahrzeit

Harry Albert, Dora Appel, Helen Bachorik, Avrom Bendavid-Val, Max Bender, Eva Blatt, James Blumberg, Guy H. Bodor, Beatrice Braun, Herbert Brown, Paul William DuBrow, Evelyn Enfield, Stephen Gaymont, Esther Goldenberg, Ralph Goren, Noah Gould, Mary Ellen Grogan, Stanley Grossman, Aviva Kaufman Penn, Ceyl Kurzman, Milton Levy, Kurt Liebenau, Michael Lipczenko, Louis Lister, Frances Mark, Sophie Paper, Ron Paul, Simon Rockower, Harold Sharlin, Natalie Shaw, Fredda Stanf, Bernard Triber, Harry Val, Sondra Weiner, May Weinstein, Hartley Zamore, Dale Zingg

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 בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ וְנִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּיכוּן
וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעַגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֵלְמֵי וּלְעֵלְמֵי עֵלְמֵיָא.

יְתַבְרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקַדְשָׁא.

בְּרִיךְ הוּא.

לְעֵלְמָא מִן כָּל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחַמְתָּא
דְּאָמִירָן בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְסַיִים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה 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 bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom aleinu,
v'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei tevel. V'imru: Amen.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל
כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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

*Temple Micah acknowledges that 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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