

SHABBAT SERVICE

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EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

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SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

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Parashat Balak

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Haftarah: Micah 6:1-8

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^א וַיֹּאמֶר בִּלְעָם אֶל-בָּלָק בְּנֵה-לִי בִזָּה שְׁבַעַה מִזְבַּחַת וְהִכֵּן
 לִי בִזָּה שְׁבַעַה פָּרִים וְשְׁבַעַה אֵילִים: ^ב וַיַּעַשׂ בָּלָק כַּאֲשֶׁר
 דִּבֶּר בִּלְעָם וַיַּעַל בָּלָק וּבִלְעָם פָּר וָאֵיל בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ: ^ג וַיֹּאמֶר
 בִּלְעָם לְבָלָק הֲתִיצֵב עַל-עֲלֹתֶיךָ וְאֵלֶכָה אוֹלִי יִקְרָה יְהוָה
 לְקִרְאתִי וְדַבֵּר מֵה-יְרֵאֲנִי וְהִגִּדְתִּי לְךָ וַיִּלְךְ שָׁפִי:

^ד וַיִּקְרָ אֱלֹהִים אֶל-בִּלְעָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אֶת-שְׁבַעַת
 הַמִּזְבַּחַת עָרַכְתִּי וָאֶעַל פֶּר וָאֵיל בַּמִּזְבֵּחַ: ^ה וַיִּשֶׁם יְהוָה
 דָּבָר בְּפִי בִלְעָם וַיֹּאמֶר שׁוּב אֶל-בָּלָק וְכַה תְּדַבֵּר: ^ו וַיָּשָׁב
 אֵלָיו וְהִנֵּה נֹצֵב עַל-עֲלֹתוֹ הוּא וְכָל-שָׂרֵי מוֹאָב:

^ז וַיִּשָּׂא מִשְׁלוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר מִן-אֲרָם יִנְחֲנִי בָלָק מֶלֶךְ-מוֹאָב
 מִהַרְרֵי-קָדִם לָכֵה אֲרָה-לִי יַעֲקֹב וּלְכֵה זַעֲמָה יִשְׂרָאֵל:
^ח מָה אֶקָּב לֹא קָבָה אֵל וּמָה אֲזַעֵם לֹא זַעַם יְהוָה:
^ט כִּי-מֵרָאשׁ צָרִים אֲרָאֲנוּ וּמִגְבָּעוֹת אֲשׁוּרָנוּ הֵן-עַם לְבָדָד
 יִשְׁכֹּן וּבַגּוֹיִם לֹא יִתְחַשְּׁב: ^י מִי מָנָה עֵפֶר יַעֲקֹב וּמִסֹּפֶר
 אֶת-רֵבַע יִשְׂרָאֵל תָּמַת נִפְשֵׁי מוֹת יִשְׂרָיִם וְתִהְיֶה אַחֲרֵיתִי
 כְּמָהוּ: ^{יא} וַיֹּאמֶר בָּלָק אֶל-בִּלְעָם מָה עָשִׂיתָ לִּי לְקָב אֵיבִי
 לְקַחְתִּיךָ וְהִנֵּה בִּרְכַתְּ בְּרַךְ: ^{יב} וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר הֲלֹא אֵת אֲשֶׁר
 יִשִּׁים יְהוָה בְּפִי אֶתוֹ אֲשַׁמֵּר לְדַבֵּר:

NUMBERS 23:1-12

Balaam said to Balak, “Build me seven altars here and have seven bulls and seven rams ready here for me.” ² Balak did as Balaam directed; and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar. ³ Then Balaam said to Balak, “Stay here beside your offerings while I am gone. Perhaps the Eternal will grant me a manifestation, and whatever is revealed to me I will tell you.” And he went off alone.

⁴ God became manifest to Balaam, who stated, “I have set up the seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.” ⁵ And the Eternal put a word in Balaam’s mouth and said, “Return to Balak and speak thus.” ⁶ So he returned to him and found him standing beside his offerings, and all the Moabite dignitaries with him.

⁷ He took up his theme, and said:
From Aram has Balak brought me,
Moab’s king from the hills of the East:
Come, curse me Jacob,
Come, tell Israel’s doom!

⁸ How can I damn whom God* has not damned,
How doom when the Eternal has not doomed?

⁹ As I see them from the mountain tops,
Gaze on them from the heights,
There is a people that dwells apart,
Not reckoned among the nations,

¹⁰ Who can count the dust* of Jacob,
Number* the dust-cloud of Israel?
May I die the death of the upright,*
May my fate be like theirs!

¹¹ Then Balak said to Balaam, “What have you done to me? Here I brought you to damn my enemies, and instead you have blessed them!” ¹² He replied, “I can only repeat faithfully what the Eternal puts in my mouth.”

MICAH 6:1-8

¹Hear what the ETERNAL is saying:

Come, present My case before the mountains, and let the hills hear you pleading. ²You mountains, you firm foundations of the earth, hear the case of the ETERNAL! For the ETERNAL has a case against the people; God has a suit against Israel.

³My people! What wrong have I done you? What hardship have I caused you? Testify against Me! ⁴In fact, I brought you up from the land of Egypt; I redeemed you from the house of bondage, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted against you, and how Balaam son of Beor responded to him. Recall your passage from Shittim to Gilgal and you will recognise the gracious acts of the ETERNAL.

⁶With what shall I approach the ETERNAL, and bend low before God on high? Shall I approach God with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Would the ETERNAL be pleased with thousands of rams, with myriads of streams of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for my sins?

⁸God has told you, O mortals, what is good, and what the ETERNAL requires of you:

Only to do justice,
and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with your God.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

*Mi shebbeirach avoteinu,
avraham, yitschak, v'ya'akov
sarah, rivkah, rachel v'leah
hu y'vareich viyrappeih
et ha-cholim.
El na r'fa na lah.*

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב
שָׂרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה
הוּא יְבָרֵךְ וְיִרְפֶּה
אֶת־הַחֹלִים:
אֱלֹהִים נָא רַפֵּא נָא לָהּ:

May the One who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill. God, please, send healing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday 10th July

Erev Shabbat Service with Year 6 Cheder Graduation

6.30pm

Saturday 11th July

Shabbat Morning Service

10.30am

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