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A PRAYER ABOUT METAPHORS

*“Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech HaOlam,
Blessed are you Lord, King Of The Universe”*

These are Blessed Metaphors
For a hierarchy we have no use for,
A patriarchy that excludes us
And for a divine being we don't believe in:
So we reject them.
Mazal Tov!

Instead we look for our own metaphors:
For a one-ness that unites,
A presence that comforts,
A mythology that instructs,
A venue for all your questions,
A chevre that gathers you in,
A community that resists oppression,
A tradition that stretches,
A music that exalts,
And prayers that are more than words.

We feel this quest deeply,
And it connects us,
It's not in belief
It's in the Knowing.

Blessed Knowledge,
Whatever that is,
We give thanks for this Place,
Where we can look for our own metaphors
And where we are invited to share them when found.
Amen.

Four Women Remembered, for the Four cups of wine, the Four Matriarchs....

November 2018 Sister Cecylia Roszak, one of a group of Polish nuns who risked their lives rescuing Jews from the Holocaust and was honored as one of the Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem, died in Krakow, Poland. She was 110 and, at the time of her death, was thought to be the oldest nun in the world.

December 2018 Gloria Katz, Oscar-Nominated Screenwriter, 76

Gloria Katz partnered with husband Willard Huyck and director George Lucas to write "American Graffiti" also made rewrites for the character of Princess Leia for Lucas'. Katz envisioned Princess Leia to be a woman who "can take command; she doesn't take any s— ... instead of just [being] a beautiful woman that shepped along to be saved," Katz said. Katz and Huyck also co-wrote "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984), produced by Lucas from his story.

Jan 2019 BERNICE "BUNNY" SANDLER was principally known for the major role she played in the development and passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits gender discrimination against students and employees in federally-funded educational institutions from kindergarten through graduate school. She served as chair of the Action Committee for Federal Contract Compliance for the Women's Equity Action League (WEAL), and was an education specialist for the Special Subcommittee on Education, Committee on Education and Labor for the U.S. House of Representatives. She was director and executive associate of the Project on the Status and Education of Women, which she helped found. She held roles at the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, the Center for Women Policy Studies, and the Women's Research & Education Institute. Both Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter appointed her to the National Advisory Council on Women's Educational Programs, where she served in various capacities, including as chair.

March 2019 Lily Liberman. Born in Benoni, South Africa, on June 9, 1922, she quickly became a hardworking, independent woman at a young age. With little formal education after high school, she rose from an administrative position at A&D Spitz Department Store in Johannesburg, eventually becoming a senior bookkeeper. She maintained that career until the day before she emigrated to Atlanta, in 2001. Lily was an avid baker, a national champion lawn bowler, and, in her later life, a potter, knitter and jewelry maker. Simply put, Lily did not sit still.