

TASHLICH SELF-GUIDED RITUAL

OPENING WORDS

I/we stand before this water seeking to cast away our/my mistakes, in the spirit of Ezekiel's words:

Hashlichu meileichem et kol pisheichem,

Cast away from yourselves all your transgressions,

and create within yourselves a new heart and new spirit! —Ezekiel 18:31

I/we stand before this water not only on behalf of myself, but also for those who must remain at home, in a *sukkat shleimut*, a shelter of wellness, during this pandemic.

I do so with the humble awareness that I do not know all that is in the minds and hearts of others. I only know that within my heart I hold a space for them. And through the work of my hands, today, I honor them with dignity, compassion, and love.

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I call to You:

Adonai, hear my cry, heed my plea.

Be attentive to my prayers, to my sign of supplication.

Who could endure, Adonai, if You kept count of every sin?

But forgiveness is Yours, therefore we revere you.

I wait for you, Adonai, my soul yearns.

Hopefully I await Your word.

I wait for You, Adonai, more eagerly than watchmen wait for dawn.

We put hope in Adonai, for Adonai is generous with mercy.

Abundant is God's power to redeem. May Adonai redeem the people Israel from all sin.

AVINU MALKEINU

אָרְיִנוּ מַלְכֵנוּ הַנּוֹבֵ וְעַגְבוּ כִּי אֵין גְּבוּ מַעֲשִׂים

עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחַסְדֵּי הוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ

Avinu Malkeinu, choneinu vaaneinu, ki ein banu maasim.

Asei imanu tzedakah vachessed v'hoshi'einu.

Avinu Malkeinu, graciously answer us.

Although we are without merits,

Deal charitably with us and lovingly save us.

Avinu Malkeinu, answer us gently, even though we aren't perfect.

Be generous to us and we will be generous, too.

Be loving to us, and we will be loving to each other.

Save us, and we will save each other.

EILI, EILI - CHANAH SENESH

Eili, eili

She lo yigamer l'olam

Hachol v'hayam

Rishrush shel hamayim

B'rak hashamayim

T'filat Haadam.

Hachol v'hayam

אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהֵי

שֶׁלֹא יִגְמַר לְעוֹלָם

הַחֹל וְהַיָּם,

רִשְׁרוּשׁ שֶׁל הַמַּיִם,

בְּרַק הַשָּׁמַיִם,

תְּפִלַּת הָאָדָם.

O God, my God, I pray that these things never end:

The sand and the sea, the rush of the waters, the crash of the heavens, the prayer of the heart.



READING

The waters which now seem to be at this place were not here

before and will not remain afterward.

As we each say to ourselves, “I will not repeat my sin,” we pray that the sin, like the waters, will move on.

As we turn towards God, toward holiness, we rediscover our better selves.

May this stream and this ceremony of *tashlich* bring us nearer to a year of growth and tranquility.

(As you make your way silently to the water’s edge to perform *tashlich* create a prayer of hope for a new beginning; a prayer to be able to right your wrongs; a prayer to do better; a prayer to rid yourself of your pain and mistakes....and then.... cast away)

SHEHECHIYANU—FOR THE BLESSING OF LIFE

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁחַיֵּינוּ
וְקִיָּמנוּ וְהִגִּיעֵנוּ לְזִמַּן הַזֶּה

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh Ha’olam,
Shehechyanu, v’kiyemanu, v’higiyanu laz’man hazeh.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, who guides the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

