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Confirmation Service

Erev Shabbat 5781

Invocation

Candles

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu,
Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu
b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.*

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו
מלך העולם אשר קדשנו
במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של שבת.

Kiddush

*Baruch atah, Adonai
Eloheinu, Melech haolam,
borei p'ri hagafen.*

ברוך אתה יי
אלהינו, מלך העולם
בורא פרי הגפן

L'cha Dodi

Refrain

*Lecha dodi likrat kalah
p'nei Shabbat n'kabelah*

לכה דודי

לכה דודי לקראת כלה
פני שבת נקבלה

*Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad
Hishmi'anu el ha'meyuchad
Adonai echad u'shmo echad
L'shem ul'tiferet v'l'tehila.*

שמור וזכור בדבור אחד
השמיענו אל המיוחד
יי אחד ושמו אחד
לשם ולתפארת ולתהלה

*Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'nelcha,
Ki hi m'kor ha'bracha.
Me'rosh mi'kedem n'sucha;
Sof ma'aseh b'mach'shava t'chila.*

לקראת שבת לכו ונלכה
כי היא מקור הברכה
מ ראש מקדם נסוכה סוף מעשה
במחשבה תחלה

*Bo'i v'shalom, ateret ba'ala,
Gam b'simcha uv' tzhala.
Toch emunei am segula;
Bo'i chala, bo'i chala.*

בואי בשלום עטרת בעלה.
גם בשמחה ובצחלה.
תוף אמוני עם סגלה.
בואי כלה, בואי כלה:

We enter this Sanctuary to welcome Shabbat.
Within these walls we sit surrounded by numberless generations.
Our ancestors built the synagogue as a visible sign of God's Presence in their midst.
Throughout our long history and our endless wanderings, it has endured,
a beacon of truth, love, and justice for all humanity.
Its presence guided our ancestors to lives of righteousness,
holding up to them a vision of their truest selves.

Now we, in turn, come into this sanctuary to affirm the sacredness of our lives.
May we enter this place in peace.
May holiness wrap around us as we cross its threshold.
Weariness, doubt, the flaws within our human hearts,
the harshness of the week--let these drop away at the door.
In the brightness of Shabbat, let peace settle upon us as we lift our hearts in prayer.



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS AND THEIR PARENTS

Class: Our God and God of our fathers and our mothers, as Moses received the Torah on the heights of the Holy Mountain, so do we today receive and accept for ourselves the heritage of Israel. We have come from childhood to the day of our Confirmation, and we have reached a landmark in our pilgrimage. We are heirs of ages past; we will determine the heritage of ages yet to be. We ask for Your blessings, Adonai. Be gracious unto us and all who are assembled here. Amen.

Confirmation Parents: We give thanks for this day and for the years of growth and learning that have preceded it. Now as our children step forth to affirm their commitment to the ideals and *mitzvot* of our faith, our souls are joyful. We pray that this day's service may long echo in the memories of our children. May it engrave on their hearts the understanding that this day initiates a life more firmly dedicated to the study of Torah and the fulfillment of *mitzvot*, to deeds of justice and kindness, to faithful membership in the Household of Israel. O God, make us worthy examples to our children. Help us to renew our attachment to the Covenant of Israel, to walk hand in hand with our children in the ways of righteousness and truth. Amen.

Please be seated

Being Jewish has brought me many wonderful experiences and memories. But If I had to choose one in particular, it would be my Bat Mitzvah in Israel with my brother and fellow members of the congregation. Reading the Torah with my brother in front of my friends and family was a magical moment that I will hold with me forever. Though in that moment I was filled with nerves, I now look back on it and smile. To be able to take years of my Jewish education and share my learnings with those closest to me was incredibly special. This sharing of Judaism with your family, friends, and peers through generations of families creates a special connection between all Jewish people. A connection we use to bring each other together and find faith in times of struggle. It is something very valuable that I will treasure for the rest of my life. Thank you.

On my trip to Israel one of the most influential moments was visiting the Kotel. Not only being at the wall but the walk to it. I remember walking through the streets of Old Jerusalem. The beautiful stone streets and the twists and turns through the city. And we eventually arrived at a large square with many people, and we were at the wall. Walking up to the towering wall with a piece of paper and pencil in hand, I wrote my note and put it into one of the many crevices within the wall and I remember looking up. The blue sky meeting the grand wall. It seemed as if God was looking down at all the people, the community, and sensing the notes that contained messages for Him. Watching everybody pray and talk and laugh and cry. God could sense everyone's emotions through the notes left inside the wall. And when the day is over and there are no notes left to be read, God thinks in silence and protects the people who need it and watches over, silently the people who pray.

ברכו - The Call to Worship

Bar-chu et A-do-nai ham'vo-rach.

בְּרַחוּ אֵת יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ:

Praise Adonai to Whom praise is due.

Ba-ruch A-do- nai ham'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Praised be Adonai to Whom praise is due, forever and ever.

Unending Love - אהבת עולם
Read Responsively

We are loved by an unending love.
We are embraced by arms that find us
even when we are hidden from ourselves.

We are touched by fingers that soothe us
even when we are too proud for soothing.
We are counseled by voices that guide us
even when we are too embittered to hear.
We are loved by an unending love.

We are supported by hands that uplift us
even in the midst of a fall.
We are urged on by eyes that meet us
even when we are too weak for meeting.
We are loved by an unending love.

Embraced, touched, soothed, and counseled;
ours are the arms, the fingers, the voices;
ours are the hands, the eyes, the smiles;
We are loved by an unending love.

ברוך אתה יי, אהב עמו ישראל.
Ba-ruch A-tah Adonai O-heiv A-mo Yis-ra-eil.
Blessed are You, Adonai, Who loves Your people Israel.

שמע – Shema

Sh'ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu A-do-nai e-chad. **שמע ישראל, יי אלהינו, יי אחד:**

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One!

Ba-ruch sheim k'vod mal-chu-to l'o-lam va-ed. **ברוך שם כבוד מלכותו לעולם ועד.**

Blessed is God's glorious majesty, forever and ever.

Please be seated

ואהבת - And You Shall Love

V'a-hav-ta eit A-do-nai e-lo-he-cha b'chol l'vav'cha uv'chol naf-sh'cha uv'chol m'o-de-cha. V'ha-yu ha-d'va-rim ha-ei-leh a-sher a-no-chi m'tzav'cha ha-yom al l'va-ve-cha. V'shi-nan-tam l'va-ne-cha v'di-bar-ta bam b'shiv-t'cha b'vei-te-cha uv'lech-t'cha va-de-rech uv'shoch-b'cha uv'ku-me-cha. Uk'shar-tam l'ot al ya-de-cha v'ha-yu l'to-ta-fot bein ei-ne-cha; uch'tav-tam al m'zu-zot bei-te-cha u-vi-sh'a-re-cha. L'ma-an tiz-k'ru va-a-si-tem et kol mitz-vo-tai, vi-h'yi-tem k'do-shim lei-lo-hei-chem. A-ni A-do-nai e-lo-hei-chem a-sher ho-tzei-ti et-chem mei-e-retz mitz-ra-yim li-h'yot la-chem lei-lo-him, a-ni a-do-nai e-lo-hei-chem.

ואהבת את יי אלהיך, בכל-לבבך, ובכל-נפשך, ובכל-מאדך. והיו הדברים האלה, אשר אנכי מצוך היום, על-לבבך: ושננתם לבגידך, ודברת בם בשבתך בביתך, ובלקחתך בדרך ובשכבך, ובקומך. וקשרתם לאות על-ידך, והיו לטטפת בין עיניך, וכתבתם על מזוזת ביתך ובשעריך: למען תזכרו ועשיתם את-כל-מצותי, והייתם קדשים לאלהיכם: אני יי אלהיכם, אשר הוצאתי אתכם מארץ מצרים, להיות לכם לאלהים, אני יי אלהיכם:

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up. Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Thus shall you remember to observe all My commandments and to be holy to your God. I am Adonai your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God; I am Adonai your God.

Being in the chapel while singing and having fun during holidays or just normal days has been good because it allowed me to show some responsibility in a fun environment with my peers, doing the same thing. It gave me a sense of community to able to bond like that. I think being in the chapel singing and talking was a nice touch in my Jewish life that I couldn't really get elsewhere. It is a place where I need to be both thinking and enjoying myself, and it isn't often when you get that in other places.

Judaism is part of who I am. I have loved going to Sunday School and have had so many wonderful experiences like classroom seders and learning about Jewish life. I enjoy celebrating the holidays with my family and spending quality time with each other.

I believe that God is always by my side. My kindness and compassion come from my heart which is the true core of the teachings of Judaism. My Bat Mitzvah was a powerful moment for me, chanting from Torah and celebrating with my family and friends. I will continue to learn after Confirmation, applying my Jewish experiences to my life, and I will keep the same traditions every year. Coming to the temple has given me the opportunity to connect with other Jewish teens and to embrace our Jewish culture.

WHO IS LIKE YOU

*Mi cha-mo-cha ba-ei-lim, A-do-nai?
Mi ka-mo-cha, ne-dar ba-ko-desh,
No-ra t'hi-lot, o-sei fe-leh?
Mal-chu-t'cha ra-u va-ne-cha, bo-kei-a yam
lif'nei Mo-she u'Mi-ri-am,
"Zeh ei-li" anu v'am-ru.
"A-do-nai yim-loch l'o-lam va-ed."
V'ne-e-mar: "ki fa-da A-do-nai et Ya-a-kov
ug'a-lo mi-yad cha-zak mi-me-nu."
Ba-ruch a-tah, A-do-nai, ga-al Yis-ra-eil.*

מי כמכה
מי כמכה באלים יי,
מי כמכה נאדר בקדש,
נורא תהילת, עשה פלא:
מלכותך ראו בגיה, בוקע ים
לפני משה ומרים,
זה אלי ענו ואמרו:
יי ימלך לעולם ועד.
ונאמר: כי פדה יי את יעקב,
וגאלו מיד חזק ממנו.
ברוך אתה יי, גאל ישראל:

Who is like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders? Your children witnessed Your sovereignty, the sea splitting before Moses and Miriam. "This is our God!" they cried. "Adonai will reign forever and ever!" Thus it is said, "Adonai redeemed Jacob from a hand stronger than his own." Blessed are You, Adonai, for redeeming Israel.

Shelter us

השיבנו

Give us a place to rest, Adonai, our God.
Bring us into shelter in the soft, long, evening shadows of Your truth.
For with You are true protection and safety,
and in Your Presence are acceptance and gentle love.

Watch over us as we go forth.
Prepare us as we return.
Spread over us Your shelter of peace,
over all we love - over our Jerusalem and Yours.

ברוך אתה, יי, הפורש ספת שלום עלינו ועל כל עמו ישראל ועל ירושלים

Baruch atah, Adonai, haporeis sukat shalom aleinu v'al kol amo Yisrael v'al Yerushalayim

Blessed are you, Adonai, spread over us Your shelter of peace,
over all we love - over our Jerusalem and Yours.

Life's a journey, God is there.

The Jewish experience that had the biggest impact on me was my Bat Mitzvah. I spent years at Hebrew School preparing, learning prayers, and forming connections with my community. After lots of preparation I was able to read from the Torah and lead a service. In this moment I felt close to God and proud of myself for my dedication and hard work. Being able to celebrate this milestone in my life with friends and family also helped me to feel connected to God and my Judaism through community.

The day I feel was most prominent in my Jewish life was my Bar Mitzvah. I stood there in front of my family and closest friends with immense joy. My Bar Mitzvah felt like a welcome celebration into my Jewish life. I felt proud that I did the work and I accomplished something great. I was finally welcomed into a community and family that I could feel connected to for the rest of my life.

V'SHAMRU

ושמרו

*V'sham-ru v'nei Yis-ra-eil et ha-sha-bat,
la-a-sot et ha-sha-bat
l'do-ro-tam b'rit o-lam.
Bei-ni u'vein b'nei Yis-ra-eil ot hi l'o-lam,
ki shei-shet ya-mim a-sah A-do-nai et ha-
sha-ma-yim v'et ha-a-retz,
u'va-yom ha-sh'vi-i sha-vat va-yi-na-fash.*

ושמרו בני ישראל את השבת,
לעשות את השבת
לדורתם ברית עולם.
ביני ובין בני ישראל אֵת היא לעולם,
כי ששת ימים עשה יי אֵת השמים וְאֵת הָאָרֶץ,
וביום השביעי שבת ניפנש.

תפילה - Tefillah

A-do-nai s'fa-tai tif-tach u-fi ya-gid t'hi-la-te-cha.

אֲדֹנָי שְׁפֹתַי תִּפְתָּח וּפִי יגִיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ:

Adonai, open up my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.

ANCESTORS

אבות ואמהות

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu vei-lo-hei a-vo-tei-nu vi-mo-tei-nu: e-lo-hei Av-ra-ham, e-lo-hei Yitz-chak, vei-lo-hei Ya-a-kov. E-lo-hei Sa-rah, e-lo-hei Riv-kah, e-lo-hei Ra-cheil, vei-lo-hei Lei-ah. Ha-eil ha-ga-dol ha-gi-bor v'ha-no-ra, eil el-yon, go-meil cha-sa-dim to-vim, v'ko-nei ha-kol, v'zo-cheir chas-dei a-vot v'i-ma-hot, u'mei-vi g'u-la liv'nei v'nei-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo, b'a-ha-vah. Me-lech o-zeir u-mo-shi-a u-ma-gein. Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, ma-gein Av-ra-ham v'ez-rat Sa-rah.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק,
וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רֵכָה,
אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל, וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל
הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חַסְדִּים
טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְדֵי אֲבוֹת
וְאִמּוֹת, וּמַבִּיא גּוֹאֲלָה לְבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם
לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה: מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ
וּמַגֵּן: בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת
שָׂרָה:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, God of our fathers and mothers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel, and God of Leah. The great, mighty, and awesome God, transcendent God Who bestows lovingkindness, creates everything out of love, remembers the love of our fathers and mothers, and brings redemption to their children's children for the sake of the Divine Name. Ruler, Deliverer, Helper and Shield. Blessed are You, Adonai, Abraham's Shield, Sarah's Helper.

A-tah gi-bor l'o-lam, A-do-nai, m'cha-yei ha-kol a-tah, rav l'ho-shi-a. Morid hatal. M'chal-keil cha-yim b'che-sed, m'cha-yei ha-kol b'ra-cha-mim ra-bim. So-meich nof-lim, v'ro-fei cho-lim, u'ma-tir a-su-rim, um-ka-yeim e-mu-na-to li-shei-nei a-far. Mi Cha-mo-cha ba-al g'vu-rot, u'mi do-meh lach, me-lech mei-mit um-cha-yeh u'matz-mi-ach y'shu-ah? V'ne-e-man a-tah l'ha-cha-yot ha-kol. Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, m'cha-yei ha-kol.

אתה גבור לעולם, אדוני, מחיה הכל
אתה, רב להושיע. מוריד הטל. מכלכל
חיים בקסד, מחיה הכל ברחמים רבים.
סומך נופלים, ורופא חולים, ומתיר
אסורים, ומקים אמונתו לישגי עפר. מי
כמוך בעל גבורות, ומי דומה לך, מלך
ממית ומחיה ומצמיח ישועה? ונאמן
אתה להעלות הכל. ברוך אתה יי, מחיה
הכל.

You are forever mighty, Adonai; You give life to all. You rain dew upon us. You sustain life through love, giving life to all through great compassion. You support the fallen, heal the sick, free the captive, and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You, Source of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a Ruler who takes and gives life, causing deliverance to spring up and faithfully giving life to all? Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gives life to all.

Connection creates culture which benefits life.

One important Jewish experience for me took place at my summer camp. While at this camp there were a multitude of times that were important to me, but one stood out over the others. This was the celebration of Havdallah. We all gathered in circles together and went through the process of Havdallah with song and prayer. This experience for me created a connection to those around me as well as to Judaism. This connection creates a culture that benefits life, making it better, more enjoyable, and more meaningful. That for me is why this experience along with many others are so important to me.

God helps me find the way.

Fasting for the first time on Yom Kippur with my family was very significant and eye-opening for me. This is because I was able to feel myself getting hungry and I was really able to see and understand what Jewish slaves in Egypt had to go through. Fighting for your life and having to overcome being hungry for so long is not easy. This is why I'm so grateful for my ancestors and other Jews who still continued to fight and be proud to be Jewish no matter how hard it was. I am so grateful for all that I have, and I want others to be grateful as well.

The Fiftieth Day—A Song for Shavuot

There we stood at the mountain
After all of our Countin
At the foot of the mountain on the Fiftieth Day
We were dancin a *horah*, cause we were getting the Torah
At the foot of the mountain on the Fiftieth Day
And now we call this special day Shavuot
When we remember the greatest gift that was given to us
Desert was bloomin only thunder was boomin
From the top of the mountain on the Fiftieth Day
The shofar was blowin the sound was suddenly glowin
From the top of the mountain on the Fiftieth Day
Slews of past and future generations
Were all invited to this celebration
Nature's suddenly waiting for this moment created
To be there at the mountain on the Fiftieth Day
Every heartbeat in time then
Every word found as fine when
I was one at the mountain on the Fiftieth Day.

THANKSGIVING

הודאה

God of Goodness, we give thanks
for the gift of life, wonder beyond words;
for the awareness of soul, our light within;
for the world around us, so filled with beauty;
for the richness of the earth, which day by day sustains us;
for all these and more, we offer thanks.

ברוך אתה, יי, הטוב שמך ולך נאה להודות.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, ha-tov shim-cha u-l-cha na-eh l'ho-dot.

Blessed are You, Adonai, Your Name is Goodness and You are worthy of thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

שלום רב

*Sha-lom rav al Yis-ra-eil
am-cha ta-sim l'o-lam.
Ki a-tah hu me-lech a-don l'chol ha-sha-lom.
V'tov b'ei-ne-cha l'va-reich
et am-cha Yis-ra-eil b'chol
eit uv'chol sha-ah bish-lo-me-cha.
Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai ham'va-reich et a-mo
Yis-ra-eil ba-sha-lom.*

שלום רב על ישראל
עמך תשים לעולם,
כי אתה הוא מלך אדון לכל השלום.
וטוב בעיניך לברך את
עמך ישראל בכל
עת ובכל שעה בשלומך.
ברוך אתה יי, המברך את עמו ישראל
בשלום.

Grant abundant peace to Israel, Your people, forever, for You are the sovereign God of all peace. May it be pleasing to You to bless Your people Israel in every season and moment with Your peace. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who blesses Your people Israel with peace.

Silent Prayer

*O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav,
hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu,
v'al kol Yis-ra-eil v'im-ru: A-mein.*

עשה שלום במרוםי,
הוא יעשה שלום עלינו,
ועל כל ישראל ואמרו: אמן.

May the One Who causes peace to reign in the high heavens
let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world.

I am Jewish. I feel grateful.

My life has been filled with many wonderful experiences and opportunities, and I continue to make memories that will stay with me forever. I feel grateful when I connect to my Jewish heritage as I make challah with my mom for Rosh Hashanah every year. I remember the first time making challah with my mom. It felt very special as it was my great-grandmother's recipe and although I never met her, I felt connected to her through this Jewish tradition and doing one of my favorite things in the whole world, baking. Unfortunately, our challah wasn't the best, but this memory still makes me happy and warms my heart. I know that not everyone in this world is this fortunate to make such happy memories, to pass on traditions or to even eat. I feel responsible as a Jew to help those in need and pay it forward. I am grateful for all that I have, and I want to make sure that others can make happy memories and share traditions too.

סדר קריאת התורה – The Service for Reading Torah

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yis-ra-eil A-do-nai e-lo-hei-nu A-do-nai e-chad.

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.

אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ, גָּדוֹל אֲדוֹנֵנוּ, קְדוֹשׁ שְׁמוֹ.

E-chad E-lo-hei-nu, ga-dol a-do-nei-nu, ka-dosh sh'mo.

Our God is One; great and holy is God's Name.

גָּדְלוֹ לֵיי אֲתִי, וְגִרּוֹמָמָה שְׁמוֹ יַחְדָּו.

Gadlu l'Adonai iti, un'rom'mah sh'mo yachdav.

Exalt Adonai with me, let us extol God's name together

לְךָ יְיָ הַגְדָּלָה וְהַגְבוּרָה וְהַתְפָּאֲרָת וְהַנְצָח וְהַהוֹד, כִּי כָל בְּשָׂמִים וּבְאָרְץ:

לְךָ יְיָ הַמַּמְלָכָה וְהַמִּתְנַשֵּׂא לְכָל לְרֹאשׁ:

L'cha, A-do-nai ha-g'du-lah v'ha-g'vu-rah v'ha-ti-fe-ret v'ha-nei-tzach v'ha-hod, ki chol ba-sha-ma-yim u'va-a-retz. L'cha A-do-nai ha-mam-la-chah v'ha-mit-na-sei l'chol l'rosh.

Yours, Adonai, is the greatness, might, splendor, triumph, and majesty--yes, all that is in heaven and on earth. To You, Adonai, belong sovereignty and preeminence above all.

Torah Blessing

ברכת התורה

Bar-chu Et A-do-nai ham'vo-rach.
(Ba-ruch A-do-nai ham'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed.)
Ba-ruch A-do-nai ham'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed.
Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai
E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,
a-sher ba-char ba-nu mi-kol
ha-a-mim v'na-tan la-nu et to-ra-to.
Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai no-tein ha-to-rah.

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ
(בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד):
בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים וָנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ:
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה:

Bless Adonai Who is blessed. Bless Adonai Who is blessed now and forever. Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has chosen us from among the peoples and given us the Torah. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gives the Torah.

Exodus 20:1-16

א וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לֵאמֹר: ב אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים: ג לֹא־יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנָי: ד לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ: ה לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אָנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵל קַדָּשׁ עֹזֵן אֲבֹת עַל־בְּנֵים עַל־שְׁלֹשִׁים וְעַל־רַבְעִים לִשְׁנָאִי: ו וַעֲשֵׂה חֶסֶד לְאֶלְפִים לְאֶהֱבִי וּלְשִׁמְרֵי מִצְוֹתַי: ז לֹא תִשָּׂא אֶת־שֵׁם־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְשׁוֹא כִּי לֹא יִנָּקֶה יְהוָה אֶת אֲשֶׁר־יִשָּׂא אֶת־שְׁמוֹ לְשׁוֹא: ח זָכוֹר אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ: ט שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲבֹד וַעֲשִׂיתָ כָּל־מְלָאכָתְךָ: י וַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי שַׁבָּת לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה כָּל־מְלָאכָה אַתָּה | וּבִנְךָ וּבִתְּךָ עַבְדְּךָ וַאֲמָתְךָ וּבְהֶמְתְּךָ וְגֵרְךָ אֲשֶׁר בִּשְׁעָרֶיךָ: יא כִּי שֵׁשֶׁת־יָמִים עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת־הָאָרֶץ אֶת־הַיָּם וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־בָּם וַיָּנַח בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי עַל־כֵּן בֵּרַךְ יְהוָה אֶת־יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת וַיְקַדְּשֵׁהוּ: יב כִּבֹּד אֶת־אָבִיךָ וְאֶת־אִמְּךָ לְמַעַן יֵאָרְכוּ יָמֶיךָ עַל הַקְּדֻמָּה אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ: יג לֹא תִרְצַח לֹא תִנָּאֵף לֹא תִגְנוֹב לֹא־תַעֲנֶה בְרֵעֶךָ עֵד שֶׁקֶר: יד לֹא תִחְמַד בֵּית רֵעֶךָ לֹא־תִחְמַד אֶשֶׁת רֵעֶךָ וְעַבְדּוֹ וַאֲמָתוֹ וְשׁוֹרוֹ וְחִמְרוֹ וְכָל אֲשֶׁר לְרֵעֶךָ: טו וְכָל־הָעַם רֹאִים אֶת־הַקּוֹלֹת וְאֶת־הַלְפִידִם, וְאֶת קוֹל הַשֹּׁפָר, וְאֶת־הַקָּהָר, עֹשׂוֹ; וַיֵּרָא הָעָם וַיָּנֻעוּ, וַיַּעֲמִדוּ מֵרָחֹק. טז וַיֹּאמְרוּ, אֵל־מִזְשָׁה, דַּבֵּר־אַתָּה עִמָּנוּ, וְנִשְׁמָעָה; וְאֶל־דַּבֵּר עִמָּנוּ אֱלֹהִים, כֹּן־נַמּוֹת.

God spoke all these words, saying: I am Adonai your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall not have any other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself any graven image nor any manner of likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; You shall not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I, Adonai your God am a zealous God, visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of those who defy Me, but offering love and compassion unto the thousandth generation for those who love Me and keep My Commandments.

You shall not take the name of Adonai your God in vain for Adonai will not hold him guiltless who takes God's name in vain. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath unto Adonai, your God. In it, you shall do no manner of work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor the stranger who is within your gates; for in six days Adonai made heaven and earth, the seas and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day, wherefore Adonai blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land which Adonai, your God, gives to you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cattle, nor anything that is your neighbor's. And all the people witnessed the thunder, and lightning, blare of the horn, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance. "You speak to us," they said to Moses, "and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die."

TORAH BLESSING

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai

E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,

a-sheer na-tan la-nu to-rat e-met,

v'cha-yei o-lam na-ta b'to-chei-nu.

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-nai, no-tein ha-to-rah.

ברכת התורה

ברוך אתה יי

אלהינו מלך העולם,

אשר נתן לנו תורת אמת,

וחיי עולם נטע בתוכנו:

ברוך אתה יי, נותן התורה:

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gives the Torah.

Please be seated

מי שברך - The Prayer for Healing

*Mi she-bei-rach a-vo-tei-nu m'kor a-bra-chah
l'i-mo-tei-nu.*

מי שברך אבותינו
מקור הברכה לאבותינו

May the Source of strength Who blessed the ones before us.
Help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, and let us say: Amen

*Mi she-bei-rach l-mo-tei-nu mkor ha-bra-chah
la-vo-tei-nu*

מי שברך אבותינו
מקור הברכה לאבותינו

Bless those in need of healing with *R'fu-ah Sh-lei-mah*,
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Amen.

וזאת התורה אשר שם משה לפני בני ישראל על פי יי ביד משה:

V'zot ha-to-rah a-she sam mo-sheh lif-nei Yis-ra-eil al pi A-do-nai b'yad mo-sheh.
This is the Torah which Moses placed before the people of Israel, God's word through the hand
of Moses.

עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה, ותומכיה מאשר: דרכיה דרכי נועם,
וכל נתיבותיה שלום: השיבנו יי אליה, ונשובה. חדש ימינו בקדמ.

*Etz cha-yim hi l'ma-cha-zi-kim bah, v'tom-che-ha m'u-shar. D'ra-che-ha dar-chei No-am,
v'chol n'ti-vo-te-ha sha-lom. Ha-shi-vei-nu A-do-nai ei-le-cha v'na-shu-vah.*
Cha-deish ya-mei-nu k'ke-dem.

It is a tree of life to those who hold it fast, and all who cling to it find happiness. Its ways are
ways of pleasantness, and all its paths are peace. Turn us to You and we shall return.
Renew our days as in the past.

עלינו – Aleinu

*A-lei-nu L'sha-bei-ach La-a-don Ha-kol, La-
teit G'du-lah L'yo-tzeir B'rei-shit, She-lo A-sa-
nu K'go-yei Ha-a-ra-tzot, V'lo Sa-ma-nu
K'mish-p'chot Ha-a-da-mah, She-lo Sam Chel-
kei-nu Ka-hem V'go-ra-lei-nu K'chol Ha-mo-
nam. Va-a-nach-nu Kor-im U'mish-ta-cha-
vim U'mo-dim, Lif-nei
Me-lech Mal-chei Ham'la-chim,
Ha-ka-dosh Ba-ruch Hu.*

Let us now praise the Ruler of the universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator,
Who has set us apart from the other families of the earth, giving us a destiny unique
among the nations. We bend the knee and bow, acknowledging the supreme Ruler, the
Holy One of blessing.

עלינו לשבח לאדון הכל, לתת גְּדֻלָּה
ליוצר בראשית, שלא עֲשֵׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי
הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה,
שֶׁלֹּא שָׂם חֻלְקֵנוּ בָּהֶם, וְגָרְלָנוּ בְּכָל
הַמּוֹנֵם. נֶאֱנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים
וּמוֹדִים, לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ, מֶלֶכִּי הַמַּלְכִּים,
הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא.

לתקן עולם במלכות שדי

L'takein olam b'malchut shaddai
Together we can heal the world

לתקן עולם במלכות שדי

L'takein olam b'malchut shaddai
We must all work together cause we're all the children of Adonai.

ונאמר, והיה יי למלך על כל הארץ, ביום שהוא יהיה יי אחד, ושמו אחד:

*V'ne-e-mar V'ha-yah A-do-nai L'me-lech Al Kol Ha-a-retz.
Ba-yom Ha-hu Yi-h'yeh A-do-nai E-chad,
Ush'mo E-chad.*

Thus it has been said, Adonai will be Ruler over all the earth.
On that day, Adonai will be one,
and God's Name will be one.

קדיש יתום - Mourner's Kaddish

However brief may be our time on earth, O God, You endow our fleeting days with abiding worth.
We now recall the loved ones whom death has recently taken from us
And as we remember those who died at this season in years past, we take them into our hearts
with our own
In this moment of memory, our grief and sympathies are mingled. Loving God, we praise Your
name together with the words of the Kaddish prayer.

Please rise

*Yit-ga-dal y'yit-ka-dah sh'meih ra-ba. B'al-
ma di v'ra chi-ru-teih v'yam-lich mal-chu-teih
b'cha-yei-chon uv'yo-mei-chon uv'cha-yei
d'chol beit Yis-ra-eil. Ba-a-ga-la u'viz-man
ka-riv v'im-ru: a-mein. Y'hei sh'meih ra-ba
m'va-rach l'a-lam ul'al-mei al-ma-ya. Yit-ba-
rach v'yish-ta-bach, v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam
v'yit-na-sei v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal
sh'meih d'kud-sha b'rich Hu l'ei-lah min kol
bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta, tush-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-
ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran b'al-ma v'im-ru: a-mein.
Y'hei sh'la-ma ra-ba min sh'ma-ya v'cha-yim
a-lei-nu v'al kol Yis-ra-eil, v'im-ru: a-mein.
O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav hu ya-a-seh sha-
lom a-lei-nu v'al kol Yis-ra-eil v'im-ru: a-
mein.*

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי
בְּרָא כְּרַעוּתָהּ, וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל.
בְּעֶזְלָא וּבְזִמָּן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: יְהֵא
שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵינָא:
יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם
וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְּקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא
וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְתִקְחָתָא, דְּאִמְרִין
בְּעֶלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא
מִן שְׁמֵינָא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן: עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו הוּא
יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God's great Name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. May God rule in our own day, in our own lives, and in the life of all Israel, and let us say: Amen. Let God's great Name be praised for ever and ever. Beyond all praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter is the Holy One, the Blessed One, Whom yet we glorify, honor and exalt. And let us say: Amen. For us and for all Israel, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen. May the One Who causes peace to reign in the high heavens let peace descend on us, on all Israel, and all the world and let us say: Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn
and comfort the bereaved among us. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of Promise

Class: Adonai, our God, there is gratitude in our hearts for this hour's beauty and meaning. We ask Your assistance and continuing guidance. Grant us strength, that we may meet the challenges life holds for us. Grant us Your protection and blessing, that we may find happiness in our lives, and through our studies and observances of Judaism bring honor to our parents, our faith, and to You. Let us, in the presence of God and of this holy congregation, pronounce our dedication of faith:

I consecrate my life in dedication to the moral values and ethical precepts of our Jewish faith. With all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my might, I will strive to further the holy purposes of Judaism. Unto the end of my life, Israel's watchword shall be my guide:

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.

Sh'ma Yis-ra-eil, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai E-chad.

Hear O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.

BLESSING OF CONFIRMANDS

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בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינּוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-tah a-do-nai e-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam, she-he-che-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-gi-ya-nu Laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the Universe, Who has kept us alive, Who has preserved and sustained us as a special people, and Who allows us to continue our heritage through such beautiful covenants as this Confirmation Service. Amen.

CLIMBING UP THE TREE OF LIFE

Words and music by Stacy Beyer

I know every day is a gift
And I try to really appreciate it
So in my sadness I look for a blessing
In my tears I do the same
Every day I count my blessings
And make the time to pray

I'm climbing up the tree of life
Dancin on the branches
Swingin on the vines
Look at me, hey, hey, I'm a sight
Climbing up the Tree of Life

I know I'm gonna make some mistakes
Lessons learned means sometimes a branch has to break
But this tree will stand forever,
Growin stronger every day
As we study Torah together
Let each one of us say....

I'm climbing up the tree of life
Dancin on the branches
Swingin on the vines
Look at me, hey, hey, I'm a sight
Climbing up the Tree of Life

RABBI HEAPS CLOSING BLESSING

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