

WE are seated:

ALL sing one of the following:

עוֹשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ.
וְעַל־כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu
v'al kol yisrael v'imru amen.*

✿ May the one who makes peace in the heavens make peace for us all, and let us say, amen.

OR

יְהִי לְדַצּוֹן אִמְרֵי־פִי וְהִגִּינוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ יְהוָה צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי:

*Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei-fi v'heg'yon libi l'faneikha YHWH
turi v'go'ali.*

✿ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be seen favorably, ADONAI, my rock and my redeemer.

עוֹשֵׂי שְׁלוֹם בְּעוֹלָם,
בּוֹא נַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בֵּינֵינוּ
וְעַם כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְעַם כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תְּחִלָּה.
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

*Oseh shalom ba'olam,
bo na'aseh shalom beineinu,
ve'im kol yisra'el,
ve'im kol yoshvey teyveyl.
ve'imru: amen*

✿ Let us make peace in the world. Come, let us make peace among us, and within all Israel, and with all who dwell on earth. And we say: Amen.

-- ET, PBS, EL

אֵל נוֹרָא עֲלִילָה

Eyl nora alilah

Power that makes for salvation

ON GOD-TALK:

Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, said, "God is the Power that makes for salvation" or as he sometimes put it, "God is the sum of the animating, organizing forces and relationships which are forever making a cosmos out of chaos."

"We learn more about God when we say that love is divine than when we say God is love. A veritable transformation takes place. . . .Divinity becomes relevant to authentic experience and therefore takes on a definiteness which is accompanied by an awareness of authenticity." Kaplan thought that belief in God stems not from the intellect but from the will to live, reflecting the faith that there is enough in the world for man's needs, although not for man's "greeds and lusts."

Kaplan sometimes referred to God as a Power and other times as a process.

ALL chant:

אֵל נוֹרָא עֲלִילָה, בְּשַׁעַת הַנְּעִילָה

Eyl nora alilah, bishe'at hane'ilah

✿ Awesome POWER THAT MAKES FOR SALVATION, in this hour of closing

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Aware of our spiritual essence,
Acknowledging the awesome presence
the miracle and mystery of existence.

ALL:

Redeemed, holy
at this hour of closing.

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Gathering the scattered fragments of our selves,
our thought, our spirit, our god,
Mending the rent fabric of our soul
Making ourselves whole,

ALL:

Redeemed, whole
at this hour of closing.

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READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Curing afflictions of spirit,
Apologizing, making amends,
Repenting, creating well-being,
From darkness healing light transcends.


ALL:

Redeemed, healed
at this hour of closing.

ALL chant:

אֵל נֹרָא עֲלִיָּלָה, בְּשִׁעַת הַנְּעִילָה

Eyl nora alilah, bishe'at hane'ilah

 Awesome POWER THAT MAKES FOR SALVATION, in this hour of
closing

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Caring, thinking of others,
Supporting fulfillment of our sisters and brothers.

ALL:

Redeemed, loved
at this hour of closing.

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Seeing divinity in the struggle against oppression,
worshipping THE GOD OF FREEDOM,
Striving to be
Who we want to be.

ALL:

Redeemed, free
at this hour of closing.

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Recognizing where we've missed the marks,
Refocusing our aim,
Refreshing our view,
next year releasing the sparks.

ALL:

Redeemed, renewed
at this hour of closing.

READER:

May we be redeemed
at this hour of closing.

Contemplating ourselves as part of THE DIVINE,
For holiness and blessing we yearn,
Seeing spirituality in all our expressions,
Manifest at every turn.

ALL:

Redeemed, blessed
at this hour of closing.

ALL chant:

אֵל נֹרָא עֲלִילָהּ, בְּשַׁעַת הַנְּעִילָהּ

Eyl nora alilah, bishe'at hane'ilah

🌿 Awesome POWER THAT MAKES FOR SALVATION, in this hour
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-- ET

In Jewish mysticism, redemption is not an event that takes place all at once at "the end of days," nor does it concern the Jewish people alone. Redemption is a continual process, taking place at every moment. Each human deed is a single action in the long drama of redemption, and all that is must be redeemed.

