

HINEI MAH TOV

הנה מה טוב הְנֵּה מַה טוֹב וּמַה נְעִים שֵׁבָת אַחִים גַּם יַחַד.

Hee-nei mah tov u-mah na-eem She-vet a-kheem gahm ya-khad.

Behold how good and how pleasant for people to dwell together in unity.

MODEH/MODAH ANI

מוֹדֶה/מוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶידְ, מֶלֶךְ חֵי וְקַיֶּם, שֶׁהֶחֵזֵרִתְּ בִּי נִשִּׁמְתִי בִּחֶמִלָּה, רַבָּה אֵמוּנָתֵךְ.

Mo-deh/Modah a-nee l'fa-ne-kha, me-lekh khai v'ka-yam, she-he-khe-zar-ta bee nish-ma-tee b'khem-lah, ra-bah eh-moo-na-te-kha.

I offer thanks to You, ever-living Sovereign, that You have restored my soul to me in mercy; how great is Your faith.

ELOHAI

אֱלֹהֵי, נְשָׁמָה שֶׁנְּתַתָּ בִּי טְהוֹרָה הִיא. אַתָּה בְרָאתָה, אַתָּה יְצַרְתִּה, אַתִּה נְפַחְתָּה בִּי, וָאַתֵּה מִשַׁמֵּרָה בִּקָרָבִּי.

E-lo-hai n'sha-mah she-na-ta-ta bee t'ho-rah hee. A-tah v'ra-tah, a-tah y'tzar-tah, a-tah n'fakh-tah bee, v'a-tah m'shahm-rah b'keer-bee.

The soul that You have given me, O God, is a pure one. You have created and formed it, breathed it into me, and within me You sustain it.

HALLELUYAH (PSALM 150)

<u>הללויה</u>

הַלְלוּיָה.

בֹּל הַנְשָׁמָה תְּהַלֵּל יָה הַלְלוּיָה.

Halleluyah.

Kol hahn-sha-mah t'ha-lel Yah halleluyah.

Praise God. Let every living soul praise God. Halleluyah!

ON SUKKOT-SIMKHAT TORAH

This week, we have taken up the symbols of Sukkot.

The lulav that resembles the human spine:

may we stand straight with courage and integrity.

The myrtle whose leaves are shaped like eyes:

may we behold the beauty and grandeur of the universe.

The willow whose leaves resemble human lips:

may we offer enduring words.

The etrog, shaped like the human heart:

may love guide us from selfishness to service.

God of Israel, let our senses be filled with love for you and Your will.

Let our harvest be shared with all.

- Mishkan T'fillah

ON PESAKH

This seventh day of Pesakh is the anniversary of Israel's deliverance from the tyrant's wrath. This day Israel sang a song of praise to the God of freedom at the shores of the sea. Many times since has Israel known oppression and bondage; each time we have remembered the message of Pesakh and taken heart. Never have we forgotten the bitterness of slavery; never have we despaired of liberation. May we have such a heart as this always.

Now is the time to move out of the narrow space.

The "I" is the starting place, never the arrival.

The journey outward begins now.

- Mishkan T'fillah

ON SHAVUOT

"Now Mount Sinai was all in smoke,

for Adonai had come down upon it in fire...(Exodus 19:18)

Torah, given admist fire, is compared to fire.

When one draws near to fire, one is warmed by it;

when one moves away from fire, one is chilled.

On Shavuot, we warm ourselves by the light of Torah, our precious heritage.

- Mishkan T'fillah

On this Khag HaBikkurim, Festival of the First Fruits, we give thanks for the first fruits of Israel's spirit. Assembled at a mountain, our people, still bent from oppression, found You, found Your Torah, found Your truth, and embraced the destiny that has shaped worlds. Give us strength to offer to You the first fruits of our hearts and the work of our hands. Help us still to shape the world according to Your will, that this world may reveal itself to You as You have revealed Yourself to our people: in love.

שְׁמַע וּבִרְכוֹתֵיהָ

The Shema and Its Blessings

<u>ברכו</u>

בָּרִכוּ אֶת יִיָּ הַמִּבֹרְךְ.

Bar-khu et Adonai hahm-vo-rakh.

בָרוּך יִיָ הַמִּבֹרָך לְעוֹלָם וְעֶד.

Ba-rukh Adonai hahm-vo-rakh l'o-lahm va-ed.

Praise Adonai to whom our praise is due! Praise Adonai to whom our praise is due, now and forever!

<u>YOTZER OR</u> יוצר אור

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלֶם, יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא חְשֶׁךְ, עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא אֶת הַכֹּל. הַמֵּאִיר לָאֲרֶץ וְלַדְּרִים עָלֶיהָ בְּרַחֲמִים, וּבְטוּבוֹ מְחַהֵּשׁ בְּכְל יוֹם תִּמִיד מַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית. מָה רַבּוּ מַעֲשֶׂיךְ יְיָ! כָּלְם בְּחְכְמָה עָשִׂיתָ, מָלְאָה הָאֲרֶץ קִנְיָנֶךְ. תִּתְכָּרַךְ יִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ עַל שֶׁבַח מַעֲשֵׂה יָדֶיךְ. וְעַל מְאוֹרֵי אוֹר שֶׁעְשִׂיתִ יְפָאֲרִוּךְ סֶּלָה. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיִ יוֹצֵר הַמָּאוֹרוֹת.

Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lekh ha-o-lahm, yo-tzeir or u-vo-rei kho-shekh, o-seh sha-lom u-vo-rei et ha-kol. Ha-mei-ir la-a-retz ve-la-da-rim a-le-ha be-ra-kha-mim, oov-tu-vo me-kha-deish be-khol yom ta-mid ma-a-sei ve-rei-sheet. Mah ra-bu ma-a-se-kha Adonai! Ku-lam be-khokh-ma a-see-ta, mal-ah ha-a-retz kin-ya-ne-kha. Tit-ba-rakh, Adonai E-lo-hei-nu, al she-vakh ma-a-seh ya-de-kha, ve-al me-o-rei or she-a-si-ta: ye-fa-a-ru-kha. Se-la. Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, yo-tzeir ha-me-o-rot.

Praised are You, Adonai, Eternal Source of the universe, who creates day and night, the Maker of peace, the Creator of all things. We thank You, God, for allowing us to take in the rays of the sun and sit in awe of the night sky and stars. The birth and growth we view each day help us to envision our own journey through life. We thank You, God, for all the wonders of the world. In wisdom, You have made them all. The earth is full of Your Creation. We each bless You, Adonai, our God, for the excellence of Your handiwork and for all that You have made. Praised is our God, the Source of all Creation.

אהבה רבה

Love your neighbor as yourself, you said. And light-blinded we saw that inner and outer worlds are one as You are one. You spoke and we wrote.
We reached for You down the centuries,
Your light moving before us
as we climbed, fell back and climbed again
Your Sinai of life.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַבּוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהְבָה.

Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, ha-bo-kheyr b'a-mo Yisrael b'a-ha-vah. Blessed are You, O God, who in love has chosen Your people Israel to serve You. - Mishkan T'fillah

<u>SHEMA</u>

יִּיְ אֶחְד. יִיְ אֶלהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחְד.

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai E-lo-hey-nu, Adonai E-khad.

בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וְעֶד.

Ba-rukh shem k'vod mal-khu-to l'o-lahm va-ed.

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! Blessed is God's glorious name forever and ever!

<u>V'AHAVTA</u>

וְאָהַרְתָּ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךְ, בְּכְל לְבְבְךְ, וּבְכְל נַפְּשְׁךְ,
וּבְכְל מְאֹדֶךְ. וְהִיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶה, אֲשֶׁר אֶנֹכִי
מְצַוְּךְ הַיּוֹם, עַל לְבָבֶךְ. וְשִׁנִּנְתָם לְבָנֶיךְ, וְדְבַּרְתְּ
בְּם, בְּשִׁרְתְּךְ בְּבֵיתֶךְ, וּבְלֶכְתְּךְ בַדֶּרֶךְ, וְבְשְׁכְבְּךְ
וּבְקוּמֶךְ. וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת עַל יָדֶךְ, וְהִיוּ לְטֹטָפֹת בִּין עֵינֶיךְ, וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל מְזָזוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבִשְׁעֶרֶיךְ.
לְמַעַן תִּזְבְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת בְּל מִצְוֹתְי, וִהְיִיתֶם לְּמִעוֹ לְמָעֵן תִּזְבְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתָם אֶת בְּל מִצְוֹתְי, וִהְיִיתֶם מְּלְּהִיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶרְכָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרִים, לְהִיוֹת לְכֶם לֵאלֹהִים, אֲנִי יְיָ אֶלְהֵיכֶם.

V'a-hav-ta et Adonai eh-lo-he-kha b'khol l'vav-kha oov-khol nahf-sh'kha oov-khol m'o-deh-kha. V'ha-yu ha-d'va-reem ha-ey-leh a-sheyr a-no-khee m'tzav-kha ha-yom al l'va-ve-kha. V'shee-nahn-tahm l'va-ne-kha v'dee-bar-ta bahm b'sheev-t'kha b'vay-teh-kha oov-lekh-t'kha va-deh-rekh oov-shokh-b'kha oov-ku-meh-kha. Ook-shar-tahm l'ot al ya-deh-kha v'ha-yu l'to-ta-fot beyn ay-neh-kha. Ookh-tahv-tahm al m'zu-zot bey-teh-kha oo-vish-a-re-kha. L'ma-an teez-k'ru va-a-see-tem et kol mitz-vo-tai vee-h'yee-tem k'do-sheem ley-lo-hey-khem. A-nee Adonai eh-lo-hey-khem a-sheyr ho-tzay-tee et-khem mey-eh-retz mitz-ra-yeem l'hee-yot la-khem ley-lo-heem. A-nee Adonai eh-lo-hey-khem.

You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your strength, and with all your being. Set these words which I command you this day upon your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children; speak of them in your home and on your way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be a symbol before your eyes; inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Be mindful of all My mitzvot and do them, so shall you consecrate yourselves to your God. I am Adonai your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I, Adonai, am your God.

Standing on the parted shores of history, we still believe what we were taught before ever we stood at Sinai:

that wherever we are, it is eternally Egypt that there is a better place, a Promised Land; that the winding way to that promise passes through the wilderness

that there is no way to get from here to there except by joining hands, marching together.

- Mishkan T'fillah

MEE KHAMOKHA

מי כמכה

מִי כָמְכָה בָּאֵלִים יְיָ, מִי כָּמְכָה נָאְדָּר בַּקְּדֶשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִילֹת, עְשֵׁה פֶּלֶא.

Mee kha-mo-kha ba-ey-leem, Adonai? Mee ka-mo-kha, ne-dar ba-ko-desh, no-ra t'hee-lot, o-seh feh-leh?

שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה שִׁבְּחוּ גְאוּלִים לְשִׁמְךְּ עֵל שְׂפַת הַיָּם, יַחַד כָּלָם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ. יִי ִימִלֹךְ לִעוֹלָם וַעֶּד.

Shee-rah kha-da-shah shib-khu g'u-leem l'shim-kha al s'fat ha-yam. Ya-khad ku-lam ho-du v'him-lee-khu v'ahm-ru: Adonai yim-lokh l'o-lahm va-ed.

בַּרוּך אַתַּה יָיַ, גַּאַל יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, ga-al Yisrael.

Who is like You, O God, among the gods people worship? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? A new song the redeemed sang to Your name. At the shore of the sea, saved from destruction, they proclaimed Your sovereign power: "The Eternal will reign for ever and ever." Blessed is Adonai, the Redeemer of Israel.

תְפַלָה

TEFILLAH

אבות ואמהות AVOT V'IMAHOT

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יִיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וֵאלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי אַבְּרְרָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וֵאלֹהֵי יַצְקֹב. אֱלֹהֵי שַּׂרְה, אֱלֹהֵי רִבְקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רְחֵל וֵאלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל הַגְּבוֹר וְהַנּוֹרְא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים הַבְּבוֹר וְהַנּוֹרְא, אֵל עֶלְיוֹן, גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה הַכּּל, וְזוֹכֵר חַסְבֵי אָבוֹת וְאִמְּהוֹת, וּמִבִיא גְאֶלָה לִבְנֵי בְנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהְבָה. מֶלֶךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמְגַן. בְּרוּךְ אַתְּה יִיָ, מְגַן אֵבְרָהְם וְעֶזְרַת שֶׂרָה. אֲבְרָהְם וְעֶזְרַת שֶּׂרָה.

Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, eh-lo-hey-nu vey-lo-hey a-vo-tey-nu v'ee-mo-tey-nu: eh-lo-hey Av-ra-ham, eh-lo-hey Yitz-khak, vey-lo-hey Ya-a-kov. Eh-lo-hey Sa-rah, eh-lo-hey Riv-kah, eh-lo-hey Ra-khel vey-lo-hey Ley-ah. Ha-eyl ha-ga-dol ha-gee-bor v'ha-no-rah, eyl el-yon, go-meyl kha-sa-deem to-veem v'ko-ney ha-kol, v'zo-kher khas-dey ah-vot v'ee-ma-hot, u'mey-vee g'u-lah liv-ney v'ney-hem, l'ma-an sh'mo b'a-ha-vah. Me-lekh o-zeyr u-mo-shee-a u-ma-geyn. Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, ma-geyn Av-ra-ham v'ez-rat Sa-rah.

Praised be our God, the God of our fathers and our mothers: God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob; God of Sarah, God of Rebekah, God of Leah and God of Rachel; great, mighty, and awesome God, God supreme. Ruler of all the living, Your ways are ways of love. You remember the faithfulness of our ancestors, and in love bring redemption to their children's children for the sake of Your name. You are our Sovereign and our Help, our Redeemer and our Shield. We praise You, Eternal One, Shield of Abraham, Protector of Sarah.

<u>GEVUROT</u>

Eternal is Your might, O God; all life is Your gift; great is Your power to save! With love You sustain the living, with great compassion give life to all. You send help to the falling and healing to the sick; You bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust. Who is like You? Who is Your equal, God of life and death, Source of salvation? Blessed are You, the Source of life.

AT SUKKOT-SIMKHAT TORAH AND PESAKH

O Source of life and blessing, at this season, from of old, our people in the land of Israel have prayed for rain and dew, for sustenance and health. We, too, now call upon You:

Grant that all Your children may enjoy the fruits of the earth in abundance, and that none may ever suffer hunger. May rain and dew descend in season.

O Fountain of light and truth, Your teaching is like rain that falls on the parched soil; Your word is like dew settling upon the flower; Your Torah bears fruits of righteousness.

So it has been said: "I will pour water upon the thirsty land and streams upon the dry ground; I will pour My spirit upon your children and My blessing on your descendants."

Let blessings abound and hurts be healed.

Amen.

Let us know plenty and escape famine.

Amen.

Let there be life and not destruction.

Amen.

<u>KEDUSHAH</u>

נְקַדֵּשׁ אֶת שִׁמְךּ בָּעוֹלָם, כְּשֵׁם שֶׁמַּקְדִּישִׁים אוֹתוֹ בִּשְׁמֵי מְרוֹם, כַּכְּתוּב עַל יַד נְבִיאֶךְ, וְקָרָא זֶה אֶל זֵה וִאָמַר:

N'ka-desh et shim-kha ba-o-lahm, k'shem she-mahk-dee-sheem o-to bish-mey ma-rohm, kah-kah-tuv al yahd n'vee-eh-kha, v'kah-rah zeh el zeh v'ah-mahr:

קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ קָדוֹשׁ יְיָ צְבָאוֹת, מְלֹא כָל הָאָרֶץ כְּבוֹדוֹ.

Ka-dosh, ka-dosh, ka-dosh Adonai tz'va-ot, m'lo khol ha-a-retz k'vo-do.

אַדיר אַדירֵנוּ יְיָ אֲדֹנֵינוּ,

מָה אַדיר שִׁמְדְ בְּכְל הָאָרֶץ.

Ah-deer ah-dee-rey-nu, Adonai Ah-do-ney-nu, mah ah-deer shim-kha b'khol ha-a-retz!

בָּרוּךְ כִּבוֹד יִיָ, מִמִּקוֹמוֹ.

Ba-rukh k'vod Adonai mim-ko-mo.

אֶחָד הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, הוּא אָבִינוּ, הוּא מַלְכֵּינוּ, הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ, וְהוּא יַשְׁמִיעֵנוּ בְּרַחֲמָיו לְעֵינֵי כְּל חִי. אַנִי יִי אֵלֹהֵיכֵם.

E-khad hu e-lo-hey-nu, hu ah-vee-nu, hu mahl-key-nu, hu mo-shee-ey-nu; v'hu yahsh-mee-ey-nu b'ra-kha-mahv l'ey-ney kol khai: Ah-nee Adonai E-lo-hey-khem!

יִמְלֹדְ יְיָ לְעוֹלָם, אֱלֹהַיִּךְ צִיּוֹן לְדֹר וְדֹר, הַלְלוּיָה.

Yim-lokh Adonai l'o-lahm, E-lo-ha-yikh tzee-yon, l'dor va-dor. Halleluyah!

לְדוֹר וָדוֹר נַגִּיד גְּדְלֶּךְ, וּלְנֵצֵח נְצָחִים קְׂדִשְּתְךְ נַקְדִישׁ, וְשִׁבְחֲךָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִפְּינוּ לֹא יָמוּשׁ לְעוֹלְם וַעֵּד. בַּרוּך אַתַּה יִיָּ, הָאֵל הַקַּדוֹשׁ.

L'dor va-dor na-geed god-le-kha, ool-ne-tzakh n'tza-khim k'du-shat-kha nahk-deesh. V'shiv-kha-kha, E-lo-hey-nu, mi-pi-nu lo yah-moosh l'o-lahm va-ed. Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, ha-Eyl ha-ka-dosh. We sanctify Your name on earth, even as all things, to the ends of time and space, proclaim Your holiness, and in the words of the prophet we say: Holy, Holy is God Most High! The whole earth is ablaze with Your glory! Source of our strength, Sovereign God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Praised be the glory of God in heaven and earth. You alone are our God and our Creator; You are our Ruler and our Helper; and in Your mercy You reveal Yourself in the sight of all the living: "I am your Eternal God!" The Eternal One shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation. Halleluyah! To all generations we will make known Your greatness, and to all eternity proclaim Your holiness. Your praise, O God, shall never depart from our lips. We praise You, Eternal One, the holy God.



In love and favor, O God, You have summoned us to Your service, that through Your mitzvot we might honor You and care for Your creation.

In Your love, O God, You have given us [Sabbaths of rest,] feasts of gladness and seasons of joy: this [Sabbath day and this] Festival of

Sukkot-Simkhat Torah — season of our thanks and gladness, Pesakh — season of our freedom, Shavuot — season of revelation,

to unite in worship and recall the journey of our people.

Our God and God of all ages, be mindful of Your people Israel on this

Sukkot-Simkhat Torah, Feast of Pesakh, Feast of Shavuot,

and renew in us love and compassion, goodness, life, and peace. This day remember us for well-being.

Amen.

This day bless us with Your nearness.

Amen.

This day help us to a fuller life.

Amen.

ברכת שלום ברכת שלום

שִּׁים שָׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וָחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים, עָלֵינוּ וִעַל כָּל יִשִּׁרָאֵל עַמֶּךְ.

Sim sha-lom to-va oov-ra-kha, khayn va-khe-sed v'ra-kha-meem, a-ley-nu v'al kol Yisrael ah-me-kha.

בָּרְכֵנוּ, יוֹצְרֵנוּ, כֻּלְּנוּ כְּאֶחָד בְּאוֹר פָּנֶיךּ, כִּי בְאוֹר פָּנֶיךְ נָתַתְּ לְנוּ, יְיָ אֶלֹהֵינוּ, תּוֹרַת חַיִּים וְאַהְבַת חֶסֶד, וּצְדָקָה וּבְרָכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשָׁלוֹם, וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךְ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמְּךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכְל עֵת וּבְכְל שָׁעָה בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךְ.

Bar-khey-nu yotz-ray-nu, ku-la-nu k'e-khad, b'or pa-ne-kha, kee v'or pa-ne-kha na-ta-ta la-nu, Adonai E-lo-hey-nu. To-rat kha-yim v'a-ha-vat khe-sed, ootz-da-kah oov-ra-khah v'ra-kha-meem, v'kha-yeem v'sha-lom. V'tov b'ey-ne-kha l'va-rekh et ahm-kha Yisrael, v'et kol ha-a-meem b'khol eyt oov-khol sha-ah bish-lo-me-kha.

בַּרוּך אַתָּה יִיָּ, הַמִּבָרָך אָת עַמּוֹ יִשִּׂרָאֵל בַּשָּׁלוֹם.

Ba-rukh a-ta Adonai, hahm-va-rekh et a-mo Yisrael ba-sha-lom.

Peace, goodness and blessing, grace, love and mercy — may these descend upon us, all Israel, and all the world. Bless us, our Creator, one and all, with the light of Your presence. For by that light, O God, You have given us the law of life: a love of goodness, justice, blessing, mercy, life and peace. It is good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, and all peoples, in every season and every hour, with peace. Blessed are You, who blesses Your people Israel with peace.

תְּפִלַת הַלָב

SILENT PRAYER

YIH'YU L'RATZON

היו לרצון

יִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי פִּי וְהֶגְיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךְ, יִיָ צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

Yih'yu l'rah-tzon eem-rey fee v'heg-yon lee-bee l'fah-ne-kha, Adonai tzu-ree v'go-ah-lee. May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart, be acceptable in Your sight, Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer.

ספִירַת הָעְוֹמֵר

S'FIRAT HA'OMER: COUNTING OF THE OMER (PASSOVER)

In ancient Israel, on the second day of Pesakh, our ancestors brought the first sheaf of barley reaped that season as an offering to God. From that day, they began counting the days and weeks to Shavuot. Even after the Temple was destroyed and offerings no longer brought, Jews have continued to count the days from Pesakh to Shavuot.

Freedom in Jewish tradition is always yoked to responsibility. Shavuot, celebrating the receiving of Torah at Mount Sinai, is the necessary conclusion to Pesakh, for it alerts us to the essential paradox of the Haggadah: That our ancestors, in escaping slavery in Egypt, willingly accepted

service to God. They used their new-found freedom to choose whom they would serve, how they would serve, and the means by which they would serve.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִּדְשְׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו, וְצִוְּנוּ עַל סְפִירַת הָעְוֹמֶר.

Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, E-lo-hey-nu me-lekh ha-o-lahm, a-sheyr kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzee-va-nu al s'fee-rat ha-o-meyr.

Blessed are You, O God, Creator of the Universe, Who brings holiness into our lives by commanding us to perform the mitzvah of counting the omer.

הַיּוֹם שִׁשַׁה יָמִים בַּעְוֹמֵר.

Ha-yom shi-shah ya-meem ba-o-meyr. Today is the sixth day of the Omer.

הלֵל Hallel — Songs of Praise

BIRKAT HALLEL - HALLEL BLESSING

ברכת הלי

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הְעוֹלְם, אֲשֶׁר קִדִּשָׁנוּ בִּמִצִּוֹתִיו וִצְוַנוּ לִקְרֹא אֵת הַהַלֵּל.

Ba-rukh a-tah Adonai, Eloheynu me-lekh ha-o-lahm, a-sher kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzee-va-nu lik-ro et ha-ha-lel.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has made us holy with Your mitzvot, and commanded us to recite the Psalms of praise.

HALLELUYAH (PSALM 114)

הללויה

מַה לְּךָ הַיָּם כִּי תָנוּס? הַיַּרְהֵץ, תִּסֹב לְאָחוֹר? הֶהָרִים, תִּרְקְדוּ כְאֵילִים? גְּבָעוֹת, כִּבְנֵי צֹאן? מִלְּפְנֵי אָדוֹן חְוּלִי אָבֶץ, מִלְּפְנֵי אֶלְוֹהַ יַעְבַלְב, הַהֹפָּכִי הַצּוּר אָגַם מֵיִם, חַלְּמִישׁ לְמַעִינוֹ מֵיִם. הַהֹפָּכִי הַצּוּר אָגַם מֵיִם, חַלְּמִישׁ לְמַעִינוֹ מֵיִם.

Mah l'kha ha-yahm kee ta-nus? Ha-yar-den, tee-sov l'ah-khor? He-ha-rim, tirk-du kh'ey-lim? G'va-ot, kiv-ney tzon? Mee-lif-ney a-don khu-lee a-retz, mee-lif-ney E-lo-ah Ya-a-kov, Ha-hof-khee ha-tzur a-gahm ma-yim, kha-la-mish l'mai-no ma-yim.

What ails you, O sea, that you run away? Why, O Jordan, do you turn back? O mountains, why do you skip like rams? Why, O hills, like young lambs? Dance, O earth, before Adonai, in the Presence of the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a flowing spring.

HALLELUYAH (PSALM 118)

<u>זללויה</u>

הוֹדוּ לַיָּי כִּי טוֹב, כִּי לְעוֹלְם חַסְדּוֹ. יֹאמֵר נָא יִשְׂרָאֵל, כִּי לְעוֹלְם חַסְדּוֹ. יֹאמְרוּ נָא בֵית אַהֲרֹן, כִּי לְעוֹלְם חַסְדּוֹ. יֹאמָרוּ נָא יִרְאֵי יִיָּ, כִּי לְעוֹלְם חַסִּדּוֹ. יֹאמָרוּ נָא יִרְאֵי יִיָּ, כִּי לְעוֹלְם חַסִּדּוֹ.

Ho-du l'Adonai kee tov, kee l'o-lahm khas-do. Yo-mar na Yisrael, kee l'o-lahm khas-do. Yom-ru na veyt A-ha-ron, kee l'o-lahm khas-do. Yom-ru na yir-ei Adonai, kee l'o-lahm khas-do.

O give thanks, for Adonai is good! Your love is everlasting. Let Israel now say: God's love is everlasting. Let the House of Aaron now say: God's love is everlasting. Let those who revere Adonai now say: Your love is everlasting.

OZI V'ZIMRAT YAH (PSALM 118)

עזי וזמרת יה

עָזִי וִזְמָרֶת יָה וַיִהִי לִי לִישׁוּעָה

O-zi v'zim-rat Yah va-y'hi li li-shu-ah.

God is my strength and song; God has become my salvation.

YIZKOR — PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

<u>PSALM 23</u>

מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד. יְיָ רֹעִי, לֹא אֶחְסָר. בִּנְאוֹת דֶּשֶׁא
יַרְבִּיצִנִי, עַל מֵי מְנָחוֹת יְנַהַלֵנִי, נַפְּשִׁי יְשׁוֹבֵב. יַנְחֵנִי
בְמַעְגְלֵי צֶדֶק לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ. גַם כִּי אֵלֵך בְּגִיא צַלְמָנֶת
לֹא אִירָא רָע, כִּי אַתָּה עִמְדִי. שִׁבְתְּךְ וּמִשְׁעַנְתֶּךְ הִמְּה יְנַחַמֻנִי. תַּעַרֹךְ לְפָנֵי שֶׁלְחָן נָגֶד צֹרְרָי. דִּשַׁנְתָּ בַשֶּׁמֶן יְנַחַמֻנִי. תַּעַרֹךְ לְפָנֵי שֶׁלְחָן נָגֶד צֹרְרָי. דִּשַׁנְתָּ בַשֶּׁמֶן רֹאשִׁי כּוֹסִי רְנְיָה. אַךְ טוֹב וְחֶסֶד יִרְדְפוּנִי כְּל יְמֵי חַיָּי, וְשַׁבִתִּי בִּבִית יִי לְאֹרֶךְ יָמִים.

God is my shepherd, I shall not want. You make me lie down in green pastures. You lead me beside still waters. You restore my soul. You lead me in the path of righteousness for the sake of Your name. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me. With rod and staff You comfort me. You have set a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed my head with oil. My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of God forever.

O God of life, amid the ceaseless tides of change which sweep away the generations, Your living spirit remains to comfort us and give us hope. Around us is life and death, decay and renewal; the flowing rhythm that all things obey.

Our life is a dance to a song we cannot hear. Its melody courses through us for a little while, then seems to cease. Whence the melody, and whither does it go? In darkness as in light, we turn to You, God, the Source of life, the Answer to all its mysteries.

Can it be that we, Your children, are given over to destruction, when our few days on earth are done? Or do we live in ways we cannot know?

Only this have we been taught, and in this we put our trust: from You comes the spirit, and to You it must return. You are our dwelling-place in life and in death.

More we cannot say, for all else is hidden from our sight by an impenetrable veil. We thank You, then, for the life we have, and for the gifts that daily are our portion:

For health and healing, for labor and repose, for the ever-renewed beauty of earth and sky, for thoughts of truth and justice that move us to acts of goodness, and for the contemplation of Your eternal Presence, which fills us with the hope that what is good and lovely will not perish.

What are we, God? A breath, a passing shadow. Yet You have made us little less than divine.

יַי, מה אַדָם וַתַּדְעַהוּ, בֵּן אַנוֹשׁ וַתַּחַשַּׁבַהוּ? אַדם לָהֶבֶל דָּמַה, יָמַיו כָּצֵל עוֹבֶר. בַּבְּקֵר יָצִיץ וְחַלַף, לַעַרֵב יִמוֹלֵל וְיַבֶשׁ. תַּשֶׁב אֵנוֹשׁ עַד דַּכַּא וַתֹּאמֶר שַׁוּבוּ בְנֵי אַדֵם. לוּ חַכְמוּ יַשְׂכֵּילוּ זֹאת, יַבֵינוּ לאחריתם! כִּי לֹא בִמוֹתוֹ יִקַּח הַכֹּל; לֹא יֵרֵד אַחֲרְיוּ בְּבוֹדוֹ. שְׁמֶר תָּם וּרִאֵה יָשַׁר, כִּי אַחַרִית לְאִישׁ שַׁלוֹם. פֹּדָה יִיַ נֵפָשׁ עַבַדִיוּ, וְלֹא יֵאִשְׁמוּ כַּל החוסים בו.

O God, what are we, that You have regard for us? What are we that You are mindful of us? We are like a breath; our days are as a passing shadow. (PS 144:3-4) We come and go like grass which in the morning shoots up, renewed, and in the evening fades and withers. (PS 90:6) You cause us to revert to dust, saying: Return, O mortal creatures! (PS 90:3) Would that we were wise, that we understood whither we are going! (DEUT 32:29) For when we die we carry nothing away; our glory does not accompany us. (PS 49:18) Mark the whole-hearted and behold the upright; they shall have peace. (PS 37:37) You redeem the soul of Your servants, O God, and none who trust in You shall be desolate. (Ps 34:23)

Don't let me fall as a stone falls upon the hard ground. And don't let my hands become dry as the twigs of a tree when the wind beats down the last leaves. And when the storm raises dust from the earth with anger and howling, don't let me fall. I have asked for so much but as a blade of Your grass in a distant wild field lets drop a seed in the lap of the earth and dies away, sow in me Your living breath, as You sow a seed in the earth. - Mishkan T'fillah

SH'VITI

שָׁוִיתִי יָיַ לְנָגְדִי תַמִיד, כִּי מִימִינִי בַּל אֵמוֹט. לַכֵּן שַׂמַח לִבִּי וַיַּגֵל כִּבוֹדִי, אַף בִּשַּׂרִי יִשְׁכֹּן לְבַטַח. כִּי לא תעזב נַפִּשִּׁי לְשָׁאוֹל, לא תְתֶן חַסִידְךְ לְרְאוֹת שַׁחַת. תוֹדִיעֵינִי אֹרַח חַיִּים, שַּׂבַע שַׂמחוֹת אַת פניד, נִעְמוֹת בִּימִינִדְ נֵצַח. I have set the Eternal always before me. You are at my side, I shall not be moved. Therefore does my heart exult and my soul rejoice; my being is secure. For You will not abandon me to death, nor let Your faithful ones see destruction. You show me the path of life; Your presence brings fullness of joy; enduring happiness is Your gift.



O God, this hour revives in us memories of loved ones who are no more. What happiness we shared when they walked among us! What joy when, loving and loved, we lived our lives together!

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed, yet we feel near to them. Our hearts yearn for them. Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides, for the place where once they stood is empty now forever. The links of life are broken. But the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

And we remember as well the individuals who but yesterday were part of our congregation and community. To all who cared for us and labored for the well-being of our people and of humanity, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on the tradition of our people and our faith, for now the task is ours.

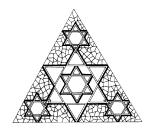
Their souls are bound up in ours forever.

We remember, too, of the whole household of Israel and its martyrs. We recall how often our people has walked through the flames of the furnace. Merciful God, let the memory never fade of the faithful and upright of our people who have given their lives to hallow Your name. Even in death, they continue to speak to us of faith and courage. They may rest in nameless graves, but their deeds endure, and their sacrifices will not be forgotten. Their souls are bound up in the bond of eternal life. No evil shall touch them; they are at peace.

We will remember them; we will not forget.

In gratitude for all the blessings our loved ones, friends, teachers, and the martyrs of our people have brought to us, to our people, and to humanity, we dedicate ourselves anew to the sacred faith for which they lived and died, and to the tasks they have bequeathed to us. Let them be remembered for blessing, O God, together with the righteous of all peoples. And let us say:

Amen.



WHEN DEDICATING NAMES ON MEMORIAL WALL

Stones symbolize endurance, stability, and permanence. When we leave a stone on the grave of a loved one, we build a *matzevah*—a sacred pillar of memory.

Our tradition teaches us of another symbolic use of stones: the creation of a *mizpakh*, a "watchtower." This structure, the Torah tells us, marked an agreement between two people with God as their witness.

The words associated with the *mizpakh*—"The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent, one from another"—are the words that we hold onto as we remember our beloveds who are always in our hearts and engraved into our memories.

As we hold one another in our communal remembrance and, together with the Holy One, serve as witnesses for one another's grief, may we maintain our watchtowers, knowing that neither death nor life separates us from those we love.

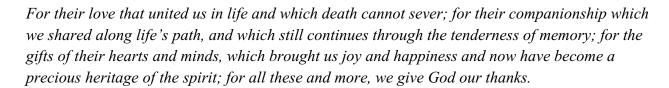
- Rabbi Janet Madden

Today, we consecrate our memorial wall in honor of ...

We have come – to this place, in this moment in eternity – not merely to dedicate an inanimate stone, but to celebrate a memory which must always live in our hearts and in our souls. The stone, as strong as it is, may weather as the years pass; memory can always withstand the test of time. It often seems that the dead are, in a way, closer to us than the living, and the wisdom and

affection which they gave us continue to stretch the hand of blessing over our lives, still with us at the happy times and present, as well, during the sad ones. Memory and love — there are certain kinds of love that few but the very wise fully understand until that love has ripened into a beautiful memory. So let us take time to remember what was so good, and fine, and precious in the life of those we love.

T'hee nishmotam tz'rurah bitzror ha'khayim. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternity.



יזכור

יִזְכֵּר אֶלהִים נִשְׁמוֹת יַקִּירֵי ... שֶׁהְלַכוּ לְעוֹלְמְם. אָנָּא תִּהְיֶינָה נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים וּתְהִי מְנוּחָתָם כָּבוֹד. שְׂבַע שְׂמְחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיךְ, נִעִימוֹת בִּימִינִךְ נֵצַח. אמֵן.

May God remember forever my dear ones who have gone to their eternal rest. May they be at one with the One who is life eternal. May the beauty of their lives shine forevermore, and may my life always bring honor to their memory. Amen.

יִזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים נִשְׁמוֹת כְּל אַחֵינוּ בְּנֵי יִשְּׂרָאֵל שֶׁמְּסְרוּ נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם עַל קִדּוּשׁ הַשֵּׁם. אָנָּא תִּהְיֶינָה נַפְשׁוֹתֵיהֶם צְרוּרוֹת בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים וּתְהִי מְנוּחְתָם כָּבוֹד. שְּׂבַע שְׂמָחוֹת אֶת פָּנֶיךְ, נְעִימוֹת בִּימִינְךְ נָצַח. אמֵן.

May God remember for ever our brothers and sisters of the House of Israel who gave their lives for the sanctification of Your name. May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life, and may they rest in peace and honor. May their souls bask in Your Presence, under the protection of Your right hand forever. Amen.

May these moments of meditation link me more strongly with my companion in life - my soulmate, my friend, my confidant, my helping hand, my listening heart, my compass, my shining light.

In spite of death, our deep bonds of love are strong.

May I always be worthy of that love.

May the memory of our companionship lead me out of loneliness; may it awaken in me gratitude for that which still endures.

And may you rest forever in dignity and peace.

- Mishkan Hanefesh

In the rising of the sun and in its going down, we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them.

In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and at its end, we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart, we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Yizkor Names

EL MALE RAKHAMIM

אל מלא רחמים

אֵל מְלֵא רַחֲמִים שׁוֹכֵן בַּמְּרוֹמִים. הַמְצֵא מְנוּחָה נְכוֹנָה תַּחַת כַּנְפֵי הַשְּׁכִינָה. עִם קְדוֹשִׁים וּטְהוֹרִים כְּזְהַר הָרָקִיעַ מַזְהִירִים לְנִשְׁמוֹת יַקִּירֵינוּ שֶׁהְלְכוּ לְעוֹלְמָם. בַּעַל הָרַחֲמִים יַסְתִּירֵם בְּמֵתֶר כְּנָפִיו לְעוֹלְמִים, וְיִצְרוֹר בִּצְרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נִשְׁמְתָם. יִיְ הוּא נַחֲלָתָם. וְיִנְוּחוּ בְּשָׁלוֹם עַל מִשְׁכָּבָם. וְנֹאמֵר: אָמֵן.

Ayl ma-lay ra-kha-mim sho-khein bahm-ro-mim. Hahm-tzay me-nu-kha n'kho-nah tah-khat kan-fay ha-sh'khee-na. Im k'do-sheem u-t'ho-reem k'zo-har ha-ra-kee-a maz-hee-reem l'nish-mot ya-kee-ray-nu she-hal-khu l'o-la-mahm. Ba-al ha-ra-kha-mim yas-ti-raym b'seh-tayr k'na-fahv l'o-la-meem, v'yitz-ror bitz-ror ha-kha-yeem et nish-ma-tahm. Adonai hu nakh-la-tahm. V'ya-nu-khu b'sha-lom al mish-kah-vahm. V'no-mar: Ah-men.

O God, full of compassion, Eternal Spirit of the universe, grant perfect rest under the wings of Your Presence to our loved ones who have entered eternity. Source of Mercy, let them find refuge forever in the shadow of Your wings, and let their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life. Be their inheritance. May they rest in peace, and let us say: Amen.

<u>KADDISH</u> קדיש יתום

יִתְצַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְּׁמֵה רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵה, וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלכוּתֵה, בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל, בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash sh'mey ra-ba b'al-ma dee v'ray kheer-u-tey, v'yahm-leekh mal-khu-tey

b'kha-yey-khon oov-yo-mey-khon oov-kha-yey d'khol beyt Yisrael, ba-a-ga-la oo-viz-man ka-reev, v-eem-ru: A-men.

יָהֵא שְׁמֵה רַבָּא מְבָרַך לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

Y'hey sh'mey ra-ba m'vo-rakh l'a-lam ool-al-mey al-ma-ya.

יִתְבָּרֵךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדְּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקָךְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלָּא מִן כְּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא, תִּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנָחֵמֶתָא, דַּאָמִירָן בִּעָלִמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yit-ba-rakh v'yish-ta-bakh v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mahm v'yit-na-sey, v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-ah-leh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mey d'kood-sha, b'rikh hu. L'ey-la min kol bir-kha-ta v'shee-ra-ta, toosh-b'kha-ta v'ne-khe-ma-ta da-a-mee-rahn b'al-ma, v'eem-ru: A-men.

יְהֵא שְׁלְמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָּא, וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כְּל יִשִׂרָאֵל, וִאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Y'hey sh'lah-mah ra-ba min sh'ma-yah v'kha-yeem a-ley-nu v'al kol Yisrael, v'eem-ru: A-men.

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמְיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֵל וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-ley-nu v'al kol Yisrael v'al kol yosh-vei te-vel, v'eem-ru: A-men.

Let the glory of God be extolled, and 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 blessed forever and ever. Beyond all the 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, cause peace to reign among us, all Israel, and all the world, and let us say: Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

<u>OSEH SHALOM</u>

עֹשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמִיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כְּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאִמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-ley-nu v'al kol Yisrael, v'eem-ru a-meyn. May the One who makes peace in the heavens above cause peace to descend upon us, all Israel, and all the world. Amen.