

Nosh & Learn with Mindy, Parshat Naso, TBH-BE, 6/1/2020

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְעִסוֹק בְּדִבְרֵי תוֹרָה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu laasok b'divrei Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to engage with words of Torah.

Parshat Naso Highlights

Numbers/BaMidbar 6:22, Priestly Blessing

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ: (o) יְאֹר יְהוָה | פָּגְיוֹ אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנְּךָ: (o) יֵשָׂא יְהוָה | פָּגְיוֹ אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לָךְ
שְׁלוֹם: (o)

The LORD bless you and protect you!

The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!

The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!

Numbers/BaMidbar 7:89

וּבָבֹא מֹשֶׁה אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לְדַבֵּר אִתּוֹ וַיִּשְׁמַע אֶת־הַקּוֹל מִדְּבַר אֱלֹוֹ מֵעַל הַכַּפֹּרֶת אֲשֶׁר עַל־
אֲרֹן הָעֵדוּת מִבֵּין שְׁנֵי הַכְּרֻבִים וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹוֹ:

When Moses went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with Him, he would hear the Voice addressing him from above the cover that was on top of the Ark of the Pact between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him.

Sforno on the Priestly Blessing:

יְבָרְכֶךָ יְהוָה וְיִשְׁמְרֶךָ:

The LORD bless you and protect you!

יברך, with material wealth. The reason this is the first of the blessing is explained by our sages in Avot 3:15 תורה אין קמח אין תורה, “if there is no flour, (no economic base) a Torah environment cannot flourish.” (Sforno)

יָאֵר יְהוָה אֶל פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי יִחְזָרְךָ:

The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!

יָאֵר, may He grant light to your eyes to see and appreciate all the wonderful things G'd has done and keeps on doing. You should become aware that all that you achieve is due to His blessing. (Sforno)

יֵשׂא יְהוָה אֶל פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי וְיִשָּׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹמִים:

The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!

יָאֵר, giving you a vista of the world to come which awaits you. The line is similar in essence to what David said in Psalms 36,10 תורה אין קמח אין תורה, “with You is the fountain of life; by Your light do we see light.” It also reflects the statement of our sages in B'rachot 17 that in the world of the future, the righteous sit with their crowned heads and enjoy the radiations of G'd's glory.

יֵשׂא יְהוָה אֶל פְּנֵי אֱלֹהֵי וְיִשָּׁם לְךָ שְׁלוֹמִים, the serenity of peace which is equivalent to an infinite, unbroken and undisturbed existence, not tainted by punishment, something which is a feature of life in the world to come.

Praying every day for peace – Sim Shalom paragraph in the Amidah.

Establish peace, goodness, blessing, grace, loving kindness and mercy upon us and upon all Israel Your people. Bless us our Father, all of us as one, with the light of Your face. For in the light of Your face You gave to us, O Lord our God, the Torah of life and love of kindness and righteousness and blessing and compassion and life and peace. It is good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel during all times and in all hours with Your peace.

Blessed are You, O Lord, Who blesses Your people Israel with peace.

Peace in Pirkei Avot

הלל ושמאי קבלו מהם. הלל אומר, הוי מתלמידיו של אהרן, אוהב שלום ורוצה שלום, אוהב את
הבריות ומקרין לתורה

Pirkei Avot 1:12 Hillel and Shammai received [the oral tradition] from them. Hillel used to say: be of the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace, loving mankind and drawing them close to the Torah.

Bartenura on Avot 12:1: "Be of the disciples of Aharon, loving peace and pursuing peace": They explained in Avot DeRabbi Natan how Aharon loved peace: When he would see two people quarreling, he would go to each one of them without the knowledge of his fellow and say to him, "Behold how your fellow is regretting and afflicting himself that he sinned against you; and he told me that I should come to you so that you will forgive him. And as a result of this, when they bumped into each other, they would kiss each other..."

Pirkei Avot 1:18

Rabban Shimon ben Gamliel says, "On three things the world stands: on judgment, on truth and on peace, as it is said (Zachariah 8:16), 'Judge truth and the justice of peace in your gates.'"

Oseh Shalom

Oseh shalom
bimromav
Hu ya'aseh shalom
aleinu
V'al kol Yisrael
V'imru: amen.

עושה שלום במרומו הוא יעשה שלום עלינו
ועל כל ישראל
ואמרו: אמן.

Translation:

May the one who creates peace on high bring peace to us and to all Israel. And we say: Amen.