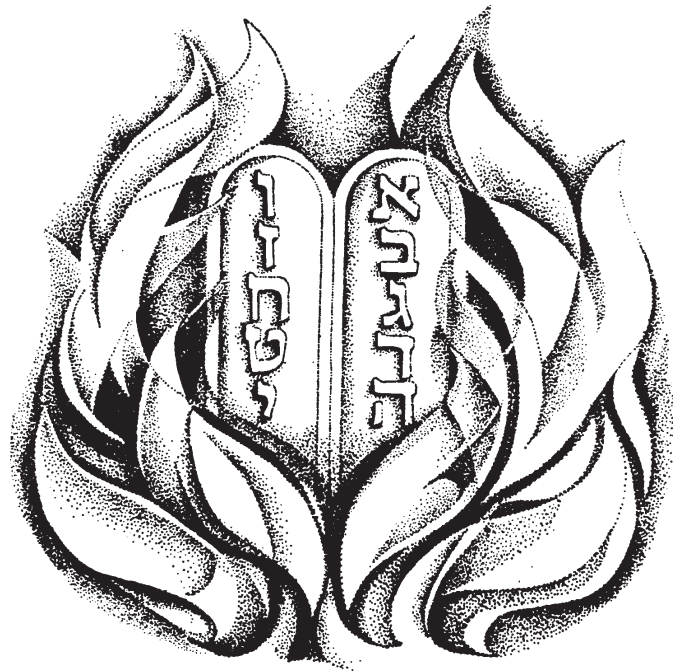


And the Old Shall Dream Dreams
and the Youth Shall See Visions

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Tyler Anderson

I used to see Judaism as just a part of who I was, like an inherent part of myself, as were my blue eyes. I thought that I woke up each day Jewish, without thought. When I learned the history of how my ancestors escaped persecution, I realized that being Jewish truly is exceptional. It is a conscientious choice I make every morning when I wake up and put on my star of David. Choosing to be a Jew means much more than inherently being a Jew.



Sadie Gallick

Hi. My name is Sadie Gallick and as of right now I am not sure what being Jewish means to me. I think that being Jewish will always be part of my childhood but I am not confident in my feelings about it now. There are lessons in Judaism that I will always carry with me and that hold deep value.



Scott Kruse

To me, being Jewish is more than just going to temple, but about immersing in the rich culture surrounding Judaism. It's about learning about Torah and God, and also about questioning it and learning what it means to you. It's about laughing with your friends in religious school, singing with your friends at camp, and making a mess while trying to fill jelly donuts on Hanukkah. It's about the little things that make Judaism feel like not only a faith, but also a community.



Maureen Pletcher

To me Judaism and being Jewish means embracing a deep, symbolic religion with thousands of years of culture, built on our people's connection with God. Being Jewish means, living each day to the best of my ability, valuing knowledge and mitzvot. Judaism to me means being the best me I can be, and living a life where I can look back and have few regrets.



Philip Williams

To me, being Jewish is not about going to synagogue or reciting prayers. No, it is about how you live your everyday life. I see the small mitzvot, like giving money, which do good in the world as being the most Jewish actions. I think, ultimately, being Jewish means making the world, both the present and future, the best you can make it in the time that you have.

When the people of Israel were gathered at the foot of Mt. Sinai, God said to them, “What will you give Me as a surety pledge for the Torah?”

The Israelites answered, “We will pledge all our gold and silver as surety for the Torah.”

But God did not accept this offer. “Even all the wealth in the world cannot measure up to this precious gift.”

The Israelites tried again: “We will pledge our ancestors as surety.”

“Your ancestors are in debt to Me already,” God replied. “How can they act as surety?”

The Israelites thought for a long time. Finally they offered to God their most treasured possessions. “We will pledge our children as surety for the Torah.”

“I accept your children as pledge,” God said. “For their sake, you will observe the Law.”





“In the month of spring,
With the ripening of harvest,
You shall present yourselves before Adonai your God,
To the place that God shall choose.
None shall come empty-handed,
But each with a gift,
Each with an offering.
According to the blessings of God,
Shall each give thanks to God.
This is a statute to you forever,
An ordinance throughout your generations.”

*This command to our ancestors echoes still within us,
On this day we, too, assemble in the place that God has chosen.
We, too, assemble to give thanks.
We come with hands filled with promise
And hearts hungry with longing, trust, and doubt.*

On this day we, too, stand with our people Israel.
And with the reassurance of our tradition
Pray with the psalmist,
“Open to us the gates of righteousness, O God,
That we may enter through them.
This is the gateway of God.
The righteous shall enter through it.”



Childhood was for fantasies
And nursery rhymes and toys.
The world was much too busy
To understand small girls and boys.
As I grew up, I came to learn
That life was not a game.
That heroes were just people
That we called another name.

*And the old shall dream dreams,
And the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.
We must live for today.
We must build for tomorrow.
Give us time, give us strength, give us life.*

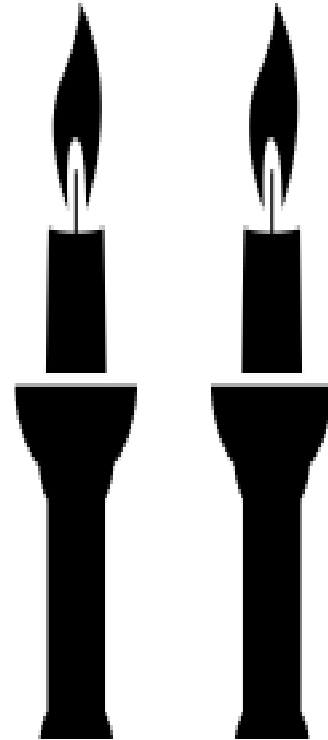
Today's the day I take my stand,
The future's mine to hold;
Commitments that I make today
Are dreams from days of old.
I have to make the way
For generations come and go.
I'll have to teach them what I've learned
So they will come to know.

*That the old shall dream dreams,
And the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.
We must live for today.
We must build for tomorrow.
Give us time, give us strength, give us life. (3x)*

☆ ☆



הדלקת הנרות



As we light these candles tonight,
the flames reach back in time to a moment
when we stood around a mountain.

In the midst of fire, we heard God's voice.
Tonight, may we hear God's voice.
Tonight, may the flame burn bright in our hearts.

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-
HEI-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM A-SHER
KID-SHA-NU BE-MITZ-VO-TAV
VE-TZI-VA-NU LE-HAD-LIK NEIR
SHEL YOM TOV.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב.

*Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us with Mitzvot, and commanded us
to kindle the Yom Tov lights.*

There are so many different communities in Judaism.

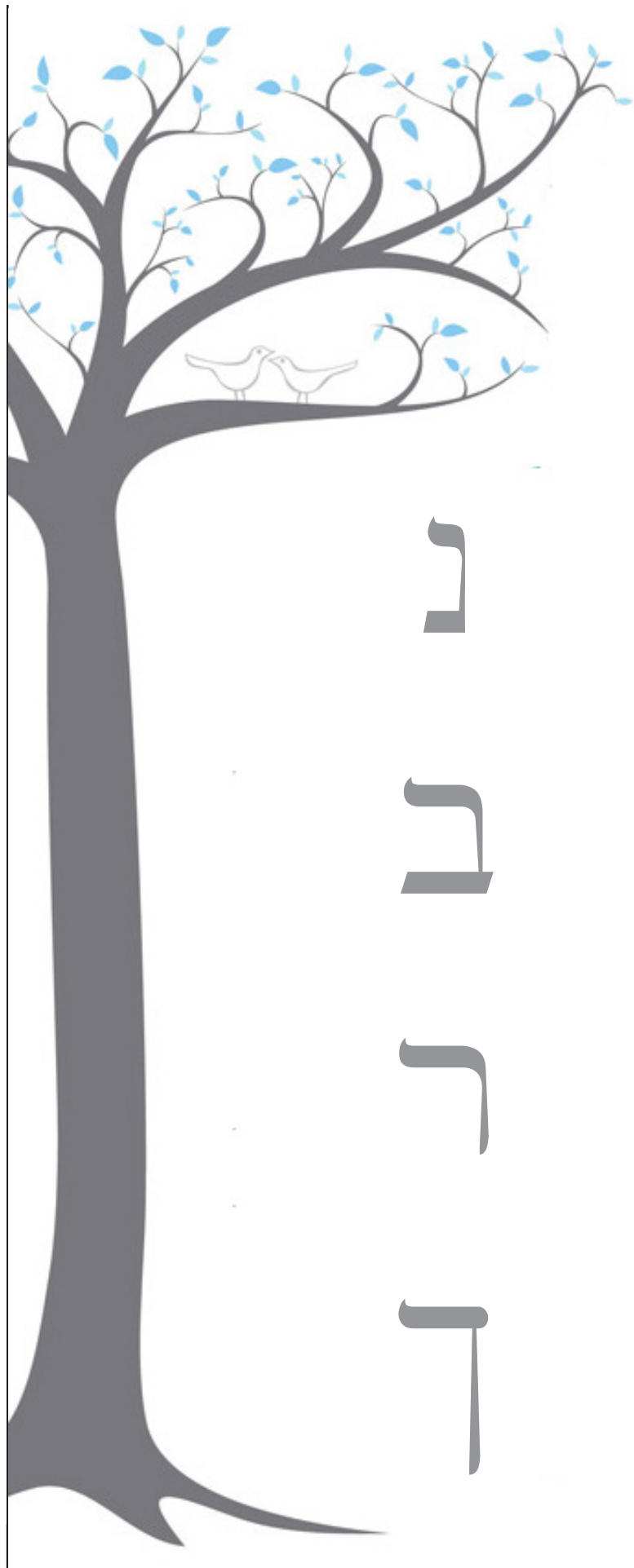
Whether that be the other congregants at our temple,
the regulars at the Jewish Deli, or our friends at camp, one thing is for
certain:

All of these communities make us feel good, safe, and at home, and
that's one of the greatest things about Judaism.

*May we take the time to to find our group, so that we have people who
make us feel good, safe, and at home...*

...or be the reason someone else feels this way.

by
SCOTT KRUSE



Let us bless...

שִׁמְעַ וּבְרָכּוֹתֵיהָ

ALL RISE

בְּרָכּוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ:
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Praise God, to whom all praise is due.
We give praise to God, deserving of our praise for all time.

The sun, moon, and stars shine in a celestial drama:
as one enters upon the stage of heaven
the other graciously departs.
Each wears a crown of glory while holding center court.
Each bespeaks of awe as it hesitantly leaves its role...
only to return tomorrow for an encore dedicated
to the One who creates all, who brings the evening to us
and whose wisdom has fashioned this display.

*Blessed are You, God, whose word brings
the night and its light; the day and its rays.*

אֲהַבַת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךָ...

With great love, You love the House of Israel, Your people.

“Love,” You say?
Torah and Mitzvot:
So many rules!

God is our Parent.
As a parent sets boundaries, so does God.
As a child grows into self-responsibility, so do we.
God shows love for us by giving us the Torah.
We show love for God by doing mitzvot.

“Love,” we say?
We thank God
for loving us and
giving us the Torah.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱהָב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Blessed is God, who loves the people of Israel.

ברכו

Barechu

BA-RE-CHU ET A-DO-NAI HA-
ME-VO-RACH. BA-RUCH A-DO-
NAI HA-ME-VO-RACH LE-O-LAM
VA-ED.

מעריב ערבים

Ma'ariv Aravim

אהבת עולם

Ahavat Olam

A-HA-VAT O-LAM BEIT YIS-RA-
EIL AM-CHA.

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI O-HEIV
A-MO YIS-RA-EIL.

שמע שמע שמע

שמע
Shema

SHE-MA YIS-RA-EIL A-DO-NAI
E-LO-HEI-NU A-DO-NAI E-CHAD.
BA-RUCH SHEIM KE-VOD MAL-
CHU-TO LE-O-LAM VA-ED.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְיָ אֶחָד :
בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכּוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד :

Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.
Praised is God's name, whose sovereignty
glows throughout all time.

ALL SIT

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ
 וּבְכָל-נַפְשֶׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדֶךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים
 הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְבְּךָ:
 וּשְׁנַנְתָּם לְבְנֶיךָ וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ
 בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלִכְתֶּךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:
 וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאָזְנוֹת עַל-יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטַטְפֹּת בֵּין
 עֵינֶיךָ: וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל-מְזוּזֹת בֵּיתְךָ
 וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ: לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-
 מִצְוֹתַי וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לְאֱלֹהֵיכֶם:
 אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם
 מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לְהִיוֹת לָכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים:
 אֲנִי יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

VE-A-HAV-TA ET A-DO-NAI
 E-LO-HE-CHA, BE-CHOL LE-VAV-
 CHA, U-VE-CHOL NAF-SHE-CHA,
 U-VE-CHOL ME-O-DE-CHA. VE-
 HA-YU HA-DE-VA-RIM HA-EI-LEH,
 A-SHER A-NO-CHI ME-TZA-VE-
 CHA HA-YOM AL LE-VA-VE-CHA.
 VE-SHI-NAN-TAM LE-VA-NE-CHA
 VE-DI-BAR-TA BAM BE-SHIV-TE-CHA
 BE-VEI-TE-CHA UV-LECH-TE-CHA
 VA-DE-RECH, UV-SHOCH-BE-CHA
 UV-KU-ME-CHA. UK-SHAR-TAM
 LE-OT AL YA-DE-CHA, VE-HA-YU
 LE-TO-TA-FOT BEIN EI-NE-CHA.
 UCH-TAV-TAM AL ME-ZU-ZOT
 BEI-TE-CHA U-VISH-A-RE-CHA.
 LE-MA-AN TIZ-KE-RU VA-A-SI-TEM
 ET KOL MITZ-VO-TAI VI-HE-YI-TEM
 KE-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-
 HE-YOT LA-CHEM LEI-LO-HIM.
 A-NI A-DO-NAI E-LO-HEI-CHEM.

*You shall love God
 with all your mind,
 with all your strength,
 with all your being.*

*Set these words,
 which I command you this day, upon your heart.
 Teach them carefully to your children;
 speak about 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.*

*Remember all of My mitzvot, and do them:
 so shall you be God-like.
 I am Adonai, your God,
 who led you out of Egypt.
 I am your God.*

Torah tells us that You saved us:
from evil
from idols
from Egyptians
from Canaanites
from Haman
from Romans
from Moslems
from Torquemada
from czars
from Hitler
from evil
Who else can claim all that?

MI CHA-MO-CHA BA-EI-LIM,
A-DO-NAI. MI KA-MO-CHA, NE-DAR
BA-KO-DESH, NO-RA TE-HI-LOT,
O-SEI FE-LEH. MAL-CHU-TE-
CHA RA-U VA-NE-CHA BO-KEI-A
YAM LIF-NEI MO-SHE U-MIR-
YAM ZE EI-LI A-NU VE-AM-RU
A-DO-NAI YIM-LOCH LE-O-LAM
VA-ED. VE-NE-EMAR KI FA-DA
A-DO-NAI ET YA-A-KOV U-GE-A-
LO MI-YAD CHA-ZAK MI-ME-NU.
BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI GA-AL
YIS-RA-EIL.

מִי־כִמְכָה בְּאֵלִים, יי.
מִי־כִמְכָה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקִדְשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלָּת, עֲשֵׂה פְלֵא.
מַלְכוּתְךָ רָאוּ בְנֵיךָ, בּוֹקֵעֵ יָם לְפָנַי מִשָּׁה וּמְרִים,
זֶה אֱלֹהֵי עָנּוּ וְאָמְרוּ, יי יִמְלֹךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:
וְנֶאֱמַר: כִּי פָדָה יי אֶת־יַעֲקֹב, וּגְאָלוֹ מִיַּד חֲזַק מִמֶּנּוּ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, גֹּאֲלֵ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

MEDITATION ON PRAYER BEFORE THE AMIDAH

We pray each in our own unique ways,
each prayer a letter from us to God.

When we pray, we not only share our words
but our hopes and dreams
reside within our prayers.

Our true intentions and goals are released
into the universe as we speak out into the unknown.

God, please accept our prayers,
our letters to you sent from our hearts.

by
MAUREEN PLETCHER

תפילה

ALL RISE

יְיָ שִׁפְתַי תִּפְתָּח, וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ

Eternal God, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי
 אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה,
 אֱלֹהֵי רַבֵּקָה, אֱלֹהֵי רָחֵל, וְאֱלֹהֵי לֵאָה. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל,
 הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן. גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים, וְקוֹנֵה
 הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אֲבוֹת וְאֲמָהוֹת, וּמְבִיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי
 בְּנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׂמוֹ, בְּאַהֲבָה. מְלַךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן.
 בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה.

God, You are great.
 You give life to all
 to her...to him...to them...to us...to me

if that was all...dayeinu

but You lift up the fallen
 from hunger...from sorrow...from being alone

if that was all...dayeinu

but You heal the sick
 of heart...of body...of mind

if that was all...dayeinu

but You free the prisoner
 of fear...of hate...of despair

if that was all...dayeinu

but God, You are great!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, מְחַיֵּי הַכּוֹל.

Thank You, God, for being our source of strength each and every day.

אבות ואמהות
 Avot V'imahot

A-DO-NAI SE-FA-TAI TIF-TACH
 U-FI YA-GID TE-HI-LA-TE-CHA.

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-
 HEI-NU VAI-LO-HEI A-VO-TEI-NU
 VE-I-MO-TEI-NU E-LO-HEI AV-
 RA-HAM E-LO-HEI YITZ-CHAK
 VEI-LO-HEI YA-A-KOV, E-LO-HEI
 SA-RA E-LO-HEI RIV-KA E-LO-
 HEI RA-CHEIL VEI-LO-HEI LEI-A-
 HA-EIL HA-GA-DOL HA-GI-BOR
 VE-HA-NO-RA EIL EL-YON. GO-
 MEIL CHA-SA-DIM TO-VIM VE-
 KO-NEI HA-KOL VE-ZO-CHEIR
 CHAS-DEI A-VOT VE-I-MA-HOT
 U-MEI-VI GE-U-LA LIV-NEI VE-
 NEI-HEM LE-MA-AN SHE-MO
 BE-A-HA-VA. ME-LECH O-ZEIR
 U-MO-SHI-A U-MA-GEIN. BA-
 RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI MA-GEIN
 AV-RA-HAM VE-EZ-RAT SA-RA.

גברות
 Gevurot

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI
 ME-CHA-YEI HA-KOL.

קְדוּשַׁת הַשֵּׁם
Kedushat Ha-Shem

A-TA KA-DOSH, VE-SHIM-CHA
KA-DOSH, U-KE-DO-SHIM BE-CHOL
YOM YE-HA-LE-LU-CHA SE-LA.

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI HA-EIL
HA-KA-DOSH.

קְדוּשַׁת הַיּוֹם
Kedushat Ha-Yom

אַתָּה קָדוֹשׁ וְשִׁמְךָ קָדוֹשׁ,
וְקְדוּשֵׁיךָ בְּכָל-יוֹם יִתְלַלְלוּךָ, סֵלָה.

holiness can be spread

*we hope to be holy:
we seek holiness
for ourselves*

our names cry out
to be holy:
we ask to be treated with holiness
for ourselves

*we pray our family and friends
will proclaim us holy:
may others discover a sense of holiness
through ourselves*

God:
spread it over us: your image,
your holy creation

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, הָאֵל הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

ALL SIT

Shavuot: A holiday celebrating the gift of Torah that God gave to us.

Shavout literally means weeks.

Why?

This is because it always occurs 7 weeks + one day after Passover.

Passover and Shavuot: two bookends to our history.

Passover recognizes when we were enslaved.
We were told what to think.

Shavuot celebrates a moment of choice.
Now that we are free, we freely choose to let Torah guide us.

Thank You, God, for this day and its gift of Torah.

Revelation can be seen as a manifestation of God in a wondrous act which overawes us and impresses us with what we sense or perceive of God's glorious presence.

Or, it can denote a manifestation of God's will through words, signs, statutes, or laws.

At one point in all of our lives, we will experience a revelation.

A revelation can come to us in any form...

maybe we see it,

maybe we feel it,

maybe we dream it,

but we will most certainly remember it.

Maybe we have already experienced a revelation,
maybe we are still waiting to see a revelation in our life,
or maybe we are having a revelation right now.
However we experience God in our life, small or large,
sooner or later, may we remember that moment
and cherish it closely.

Thank You, God, for the revelations of life You graciously offer.

The seemingly endless bad in the world often makes us lose sight of the good events in the world. When good happens, it is important that we recognize the existence of positivity and give thanks. We must give thanks to God to appreciate the good in this world which takes our minds off of evil. We give thanks for showing us and giving us hope that good can prevail.

Thank You, God, for the good in the world and the vision to see it.

עבודה

Avodah

by

TYLER ANDERSON

תודה

Hoda'ah

by

PHILIP WILLIAMS



ברכת שלום
Birkat Shalom

SHA-LOM RAV AL YIS-RA-EIL
AM-CHA TA-SIM LE-O-LAM.

שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל-יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמְּךָ הַנְּשִׁים לְעוֹלָם.

*May abundant peace be given
forever to Your people, Israel.*

The work is too heavy
For one person alone
And each day it just seems to increase.

But when carried by many
How light it becomes—
Taking it peace by piece.

The world we are building
For our families to share
Is made up of our words and our deeds.

For the sake of our children
We must build it with care
Building it peace by piece.

Thank You, God, for the courage to make peace...peace by piece.

מי שברך
Mi Shebeirach

Mi she-bei-rach, a-vo-tei-nu,
me-kor ha-be-ra-cha le-i-mo-tei-nu,
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, i-mo-tei-nu,
me-kor ha-be-ra-cha le-a-vo-tei-nu,
Bless those in need of healing,
with re-fu-ah she-lei-mah,
The renewal of body,
the renewal of spirit,
And let us say,
Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

O-SE SHA-LOM BIM-RO-MAV HU
YA-A-SE SHA-LOM A-LEI-NU
VE-AL KOL YIS-RA-EIL VE-IM-
RU A-MEIN.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם
עָלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

May God, who makes peace in the heavens,
make peace for us and for all Israel. And let us say: Amen.

L'dor V'dor - Transmitting Torah from generation to generation



ALL RISE

אֵין כְּמוֹךָ בָּאֱלֹהִים, יי
וְאֵין כְּמַעֲשֶׂיךָ. מַלְכוּתְךָ מְלָכּוֹת
כָּל-עוֹלָמִים וּמִמְשַׁלְתֶּךָ בְּכָל-דּוֹר וְדוֹר.

EIN KA-MO-CHA VA-E-LO-HIM
A-DO-NAI VE-EIN KE-MA-A-SE-
CHA. MAL-CHUT-CHA MAL-CHUT
KOL O-LA-MIM U-MEM-SHAL-
TE-CHA BE-CHOL DOR VA-DOR.

There is none like You, O Sovereign, among all that is worshipped,
and there are no deeds like Yours. Your sovereignty is everlasting.
Your dominion endures through all generations.

PASSING THE TORAH FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ יי אֶחָד:
Hear, O Israel: Adonai is our God, Adonai is One.

SHE-MA YIS-RA-EIL A-DO-NAI
E-LO-HEI-NU A-DO-NAI E-CHAD.

ALL SIT WHEN ARK IS CLOSED

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-
HEI-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM A-SHER
KID-SHA-NU BE-MITZ-VO-TAV
VE-TZI-VA-NU LIK-RO ET HA-
HA-LEL.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְקַרְא אֶת־הַהֵלֵל.

*Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe,
Who has sanctified us with Mitzvot, and commanded us to recite Hallel.*



HO-DU LA-DO-NAI KI TOV. KI
LE-O-LAM CHAS-DO. YO-MAR
NA YIS-RA-EIL. KI LE-O-LAM
CHAS-DO. YOM-RU NA VEIT
A-HA-RON. KI LE-O-LAM CHAS-
DO. YOM-RU NA YIR-EI A-DO-
NAI. KI LE-O-LAM CHAS-DO.
HO-DU LA-DO-NAI KI TOV. KI
LE-O-LAM CHAS-DO.

Give thanks to God, for God is good;
For God's love is everlasting.

Let Israel now say:
For God's love is everlasting.

Let the House of Aaron now say:
For God's love is everlasting.

Let all who revere God now say:
For God's love is everlasting.

Give thanks to God, for God is good;
For God's love is everlasting.

הוֹדוּ לַיְיָ כִּי־טוֹב

כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:

יֹאמְרוּ־נָא יִשְׂרָאֵל

כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:

יֹאמְרוּ־נָא בֵּית־אַהֲרֹן

כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:

יֹאמְרוּ־נָא יְרֵאֵי יְיָ

כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:

הוֹדוּ לַיְיָ כִּי־טוֹב

כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ:

We complete Confirmation for many reasons.

Some complete Confirmation because we want to have a deeper understanding of God...

and some complete it because its what our parents want...

but everyone comes out of Confirmation with a greater knowledge and understanding of the Jewish fate.

by

SADIE GALLICK

Charge to Confirmands



Blessing of Confirmands

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED DURING THE BLESSINGS



Confirmands' Blessing

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
שֶׁהַחַיִּים וְקִיּוּמָם וְהַגִּיעוּתָם לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה.

BA-RUCH A-TA A-DO-NAI E-LO-
HEI-NU ME-LECH HA-O-LAM SHE-
HE-CHE-YA-NU VE-KI-YE-MA-NU
VE-HI-GE-A-NU LAZ-MAN HA-ZEH.

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Ruling Spirit of the Universe,
for keeping us in life, sustaining us, and permitting
us to reach this sacred moment.

ALL RISE

A-LEI-NU LE-SHA-BEI-ACH LA-A-
DON HA-KOL LA-TEIT GE-DU-LA
LE-YO-TZEIR BE-REI-SHIT SHE-LO
A-SA-NU KE-GO-YEI HA-A-RA-TZOT
VE-LO SA-MA-NU KE-MISH-PE-CHOT
HA-A-DA-MA SHE-LO SAM CHEL-
KEI-NU KA-HEM VE-GO-RA-LEI-NU
KE-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

עֲלֵינוּ לְשִׁבְחָ לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתַת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית,
שֶׁלֹּא עֲשָׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאָרְצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׁמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפָּחוֹת
הָאֲדָמָה, שֶׁלֹּא שָׁם חִלְקֵנוּ כְּהֵם, וְגִרְלָנוּ כְּכָל־הַמוֹנִם.
וְאַנְחָנוּ כְּרַעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֶי
מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

Hey, God
yeh...
I'm talking to You:

I don't know why You made me
or made my world
or made me Jewish
or made my world Jewish
or anything like that

But...

You did
and all I wanted to say
is "thanks."

So... thanks!

VE-NE-E-MAR VE-HA-YA A-DO-NAI
LE-ME-LECH AL KOL HA-A-RETZ
BA-YOM HA-HU YI-YE A-DO-NAI
E-CHAD USH-MO E-CHAD.

וְנֹאמַר: וְהָיָה יי לְמֶלֶךְ עַל־כָּל־הָאָרֶץ.
בְּיוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יי אֶחָד וְשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד.

And it has been said: God will reign over all the earth.
On that day, God shall be one, and God's name shall be one.

Darkness is a small price to pay when
we've been given so much light.

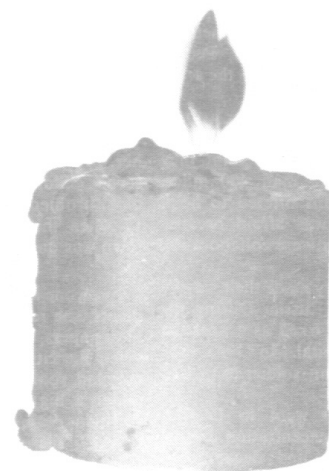
Without You, God,
we would never have this chance:

The chance to grow
The chance to laugh
The chance to change the world
The chance to live.

Saying goodbye is a small price to pay
when we've had the opportunity to say hello.
Thank You God, for allowing us the chance.

NAMES ARE READ

ALL RISE



YIT-GA-DAL VE-YIT-KA-DASH
SHE-MEI RA-BA BE-AL-MA DI
VE-RA CHIR-U-TEI VE-YAM-LICH
MAL-CHU-TEI BE-CHA-YEI-CHON
UV-YO-MEI-CHON UV-CHA-YEI
DE-CHOL BEIT YIS-RA-EIL BA-
A-GA-LA U-VIZ-MAN KA-RIV VE-
IM-RU A-MEIN. YE-HEI SHE-MEI
RA-BA ME-VA-RACH LE-A-LAM
UL-AL-MEI AL-MA-YA. YIT-
BA-RACH VE-YISH-TA-BACH
VE-YIT-PA-AR VE-YIT-RO-MAM
VE-YIT-NA-SEI VE-YIT-HA-DAR
VE-YIT-A-LE VE-YIT-HA-LAL SHE-
MEI DE-KU-DE-SHA BE-RICH HU
LE-EI-LA MIN KOL BIR-CHA-TA
VE-SHI-RA-TA TUSH-BE-CHA-TA
VE-NE-CHE-MA-TA DA-A-MI-RAN
BE-AL-MA VE-IM-RU A-MEIN.
YE-HEI SHE-LA-MA RA-BA MIN
SHE-MA-YA VE-CHA-YIM A-LEI-NU
VE-AL KOL YIS-RA-EIL VE-IM-RU
A-MEIN. O-SE SHA-LOM BIM-
RO-MAV HU YA-A-SE SHA-LOM
A-LEI-NU VE-AL KOL YIS-RA-EIL
VE-IM-RU A-MEIN.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וַיִּתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי־בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,
וַיְמַלִּיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל־בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֵגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

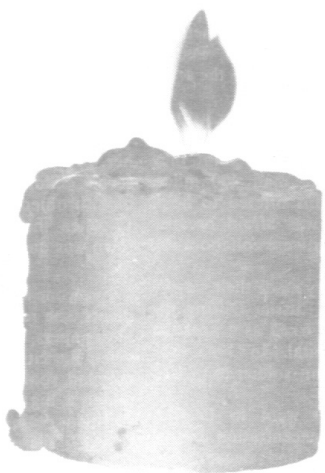
יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלְמָא וְלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא, וַיִּתְהַדָּר
וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלֵּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקוּדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלְא
מִן־כָּל־בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירְתָּא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמְתָּא דְאִמְרֵין
בְּעֵלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן־שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל־כָּל־
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

ALL SIT



CLOSING SONG

*And the old shall dream dreams,
And the youth shall see visions,
And our hopes shall rise up to the sky.
We must live for today.
We must build for tomorrow.
Give us time, give us strength, give us life.*



Benediction



The congregation is invited to join
the 2022 Confirmation Class
in a festive holiday oneg,
immediately following the service.

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