



Judaism Your Way

Welcoming the New Year in Community

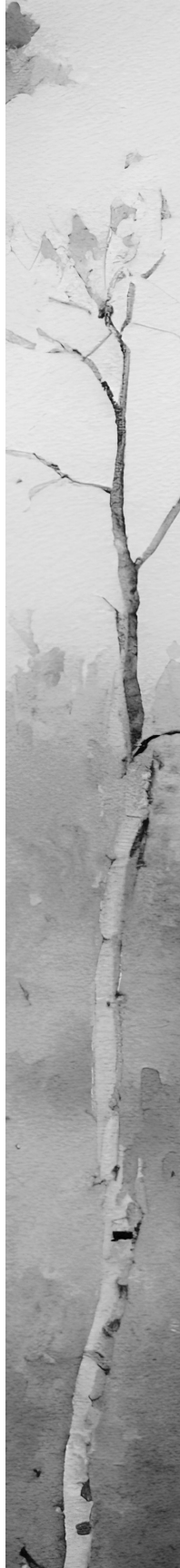
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Your Presence is a Blessing

Welcome! We are so grateful to gather with you as we celebrate the Jewish High Holidays. Whether you're joining us online or in the tent, we hope this time together uplifts your spirit, offers you connection, and brings you joy.

At Judaism Your Way, we're an open tent, embracing everyone who seeks a connection to Jewish life. Whether this is your first or your 100th time in Jewish space, we welcome you exactly as you are, with only love and appreciation, and without judgment. We invite you to embrace the new year and the present moment, by dropping your shoulders, opening your heart, and taking a deep breath to simply be.

Rosh Hashanah celebrates the turning of the new year, with the themes of creation and re-creation. May these services help us to commit more deeply to re-creation and healing that is so needed in our world – personally, nationally, globally. Yom Kippur invites us to practice the healing power of teshuvah – returning to integrity. On Yom Kippur, we reflect on our own agency and the impact of our actions. We take time to recommit to what is most authentic, meaningful and sacred to us in our lives, relationships, and communities.

Many of us struggle with the dominant metaphor of the Sacred in our culture: God as a big powerful man. If that has been a struggle for you, please know that you're not alone. Fortunately, Judaism offers a diverse and colorful palette of alternative metaphors for the Sacred: Being and Becoming, Life Unfolding, Place, Presence, Voice, Fire, Cloud, Water, Rock, Oneness, Wholeness, Love, and That Which has No Name. You'll encounter these metaphors throughout our services, and we hope you find a metaphor that spiritually moves you.

If you are new to our community, welcome! We're so glad you're here and please don't worry. Our service leaders will be your guides. Please take care of your needs, whatever they may be, during services. You're welcome to get up, stretch, move, sing, dance, cry, and wander the gardens if you want.

May our services help you connect deeply during these High Holidays and throughout the year ahead.

L'shanah tovah! Blessings for a sweet new year.



Rabbi Caryn
Aviv



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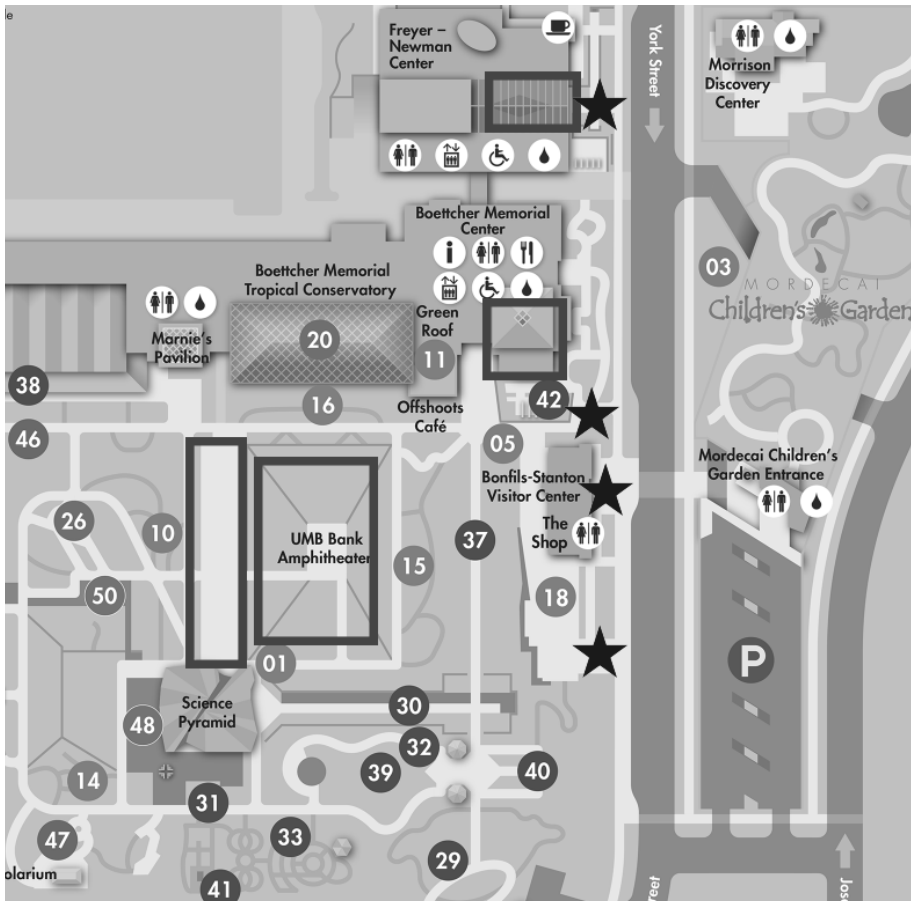
Making Your High Holiday Experience Meaningful and Safe

We're thrilled to welcome you to our inclusive community as we gather for the High Holidays. To ensure everyone feels empowered and prepared, we've provided the following safety information:

- **Situational Awareness:** Please review the map below to familiarize yourself with the locations of all exits at the Denver Botanic Gardens.
- **Medical Emergencies:** If you require assistance, the EMS team, easily identifiable in red shirts, will be stationed just outside the tent.
- **Report Concerns:** If you notice any suspicious, erratic, or threatening behavior, please report it immediately to JYW staff, police officers, or volunteers in blue vests.

We're committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for all.

Denver Botanic Garden – Exits Marked with Stars



As a maximally inclusive community, we welcome you however you are to celebrate the High Holidays with us. However, attendees who are physically or verbally disruptive to the service will be asked to leave the Denver Botanic Gardens immediately.

Thank You to Our High Holiday Sponsors

The generous support of High Holiday sponsors ensures that we can deliver vibrant, inclusive, and accessible High Holiday services to all. We are deeply grateful for their contribution to our community.

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Hazak hazak v'nitchazek

Be strong, be strong, and may we strengthen one another

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We sincerely apologize for any misspellings, errors, or omissions. Please contact us and we
will correct it in future publications.

Open the Way / Hashiveinu

Yoel Sykes

הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְהוָה אֵלֵינוּ וְנִשְׁוֵבָה חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם

Hashiveinu Havayah (Hashiveinu Havayah)

Eilecha v'nashuvah (Eilecha v'nashuvah) x2

Chadeish yameinu (Chadeish yameinu)

Yameinu k'kedem (Yameinu k'kedem) x2

Oooh

Open the way, open the way x2

Divine Source, return us to Your alignment, renew and refresh our days as of early times with cleansing ancient energy.

Created in Your Image: A Blessing for Inclusion

Gabrielle Ariella Kaplan-Mayer

Makor HaHayim,

Source of Life,

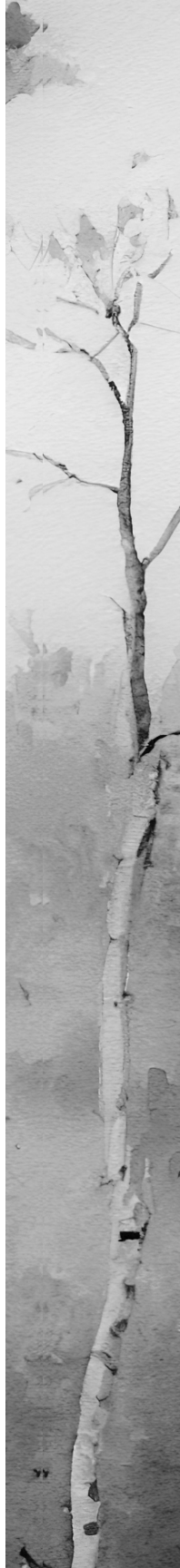
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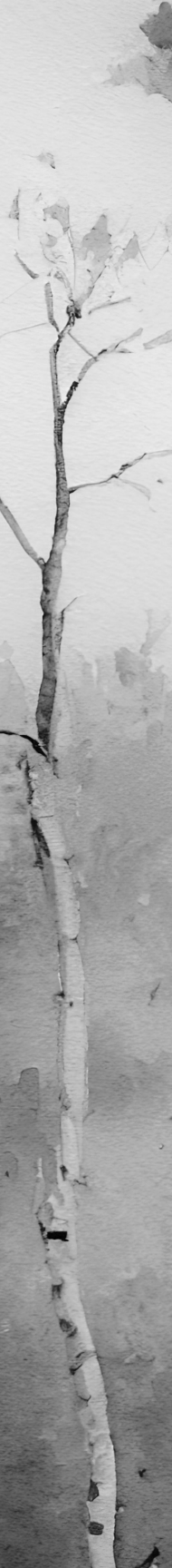
B'tzelem Elohim.*

Each one of us
a unique creation–
genetic material that
holds a *neshamah*,
a soul that is pure.

Our bodies and our minds
are different and diverse creations–
Full of strengths and vulnerabilities,
Talents, challenges, abilities, struggles.

Some of us born into our bodies needing help
to move, to see, to hear, to talk, to eat.
Some of us will take our bodies and minds for granted
until they change with age...
reminding us that there are times
when we all need support.





The human body is a vessel
that we can see—
but deeper,
what is constant and in common
among us all
is the unseen—
the souls that you have placed within us.

Makor HaHayim,
Source of Life,
Help us to
encounter one another

as that pure soul
created in Your image;
that we see ourselves and one another
as *B'tzelem Elohim*.

Shehecheyanu

Chant

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שְׁהַחַיְנוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ
וְהַגִּיעַנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam
shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu
lazman hazeh*

Blessed is the Flow of Being, giving us life, sustaining us,
and bringing us to this moment.

Candle Lighting

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

*Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha'olam asher
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov.*

Blessed are You, Life Unfolding, manifesting in time
and space, bringing awe to our lives with the mitzvah of
kindling the lights of Rosh Hashanah.

May I Be Empty

Batya Levine

May I be empty,
And open to receive the light,
May I be empty and open to receive (x2)

May I be full,
And open to receive the light,
May I be full and open to receive (x2)

Barchu / Blessing Into Community

Classic High Holiday Melody

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְהוָה הַמְּבָרֵךְ
בְּרוּךְ יְהוָה הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

Barchu et Adonai ham'vorach.
Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed

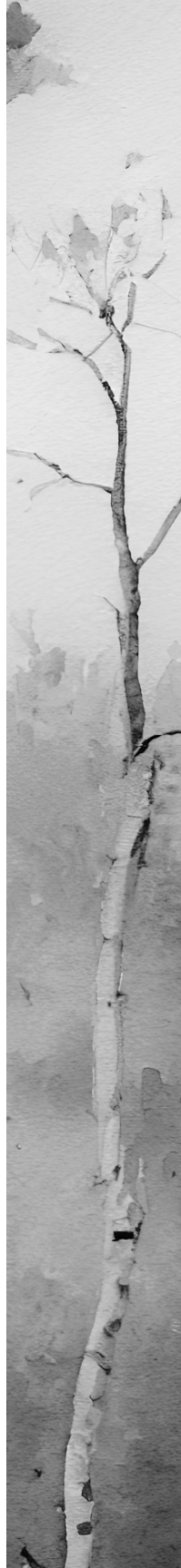
Blessed is the Source of infinite blessing
which has many and no Names, throughout time and
space.

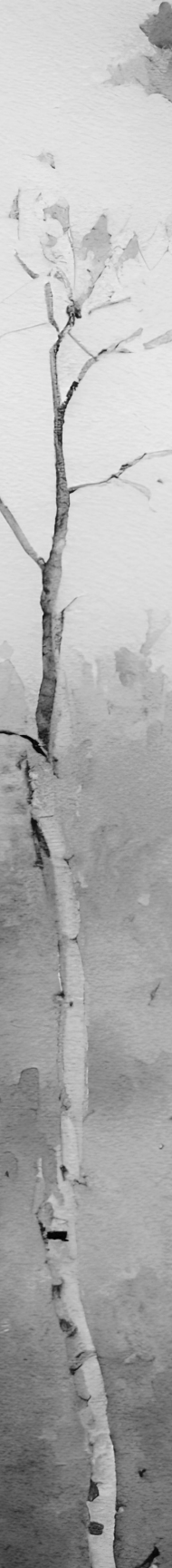
Ma'ariv Aravim: Reading

English reading by Laura Hegfield

We lift our hearts in praise to You,
Holy Blessed One, Source of all that is continuously
unfolding.
You invite us into evening; opening the gates of heaven,
with compassion for our sorrows,
and You know joy, in our joys.
You have established time in hours, days, and moments,
for us to thrive as fully as possible through the seasons of
our lives.

You have arranged the stars twinkling above,
just so,
lighting the blackness of the sky,
like many questions scattered for us to ponder.
You create light and darkness, one rolls away to make
space for the other to exist,





for we need one to know the other; light and dark.
Holy One, in your wisdom, day passes into night,
and night becomes morning.
Blessed are You, Source of All; You have Created the world
from Love.

בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה יְהוָה הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרָבִים

B'ruchah at Yah, hama'ariv aravim.

Blessed are You, who causes the evening to set.

Ahavat Olam / Loving the World

Elana Arian

אַהֲבַת עוֹלָם בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
עִמָּךְ אַהֲבַת

תּוֹרָה וּמִצְוֹת חֻקִּים וּמִשְׁפָּטִים
אוֹתָנוּ לְמַדָּת

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה
אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל

*Ahavat olam, beit Yisrael
amcha ahavta.
Torah umitzvot chukim
umishpatim otanu limad'ta. (x2)*

*Baruch atah Adonai,
ohev amo Yisrael.*

Eternal love for Your people, House of Yisrael,
Holy teachings and mitzvot,
and guidelines have You taught us.

Day and night we will reflect on them,
for they are our life and the length of our days.
Then Your love shall never depart from our hearts,
Blessed are you, Source of life,
who loves the souls of this existence.

Sh'ma / Focus

Deuteronomy 6:4

Translation by Josh and Noah Bub

Melody by Dan Yolles

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai echad.

Listen, all people who ask questions about the universe. The Source of all life is an unfolding process, and everything is connected to Oneness.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֵד:

Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam va'ed.

We express gratitude and awareness of what's special in our lives.

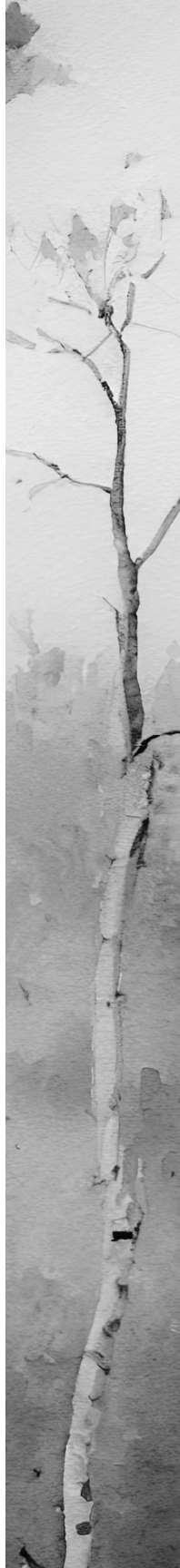
V'Ahavta / And You Will Love

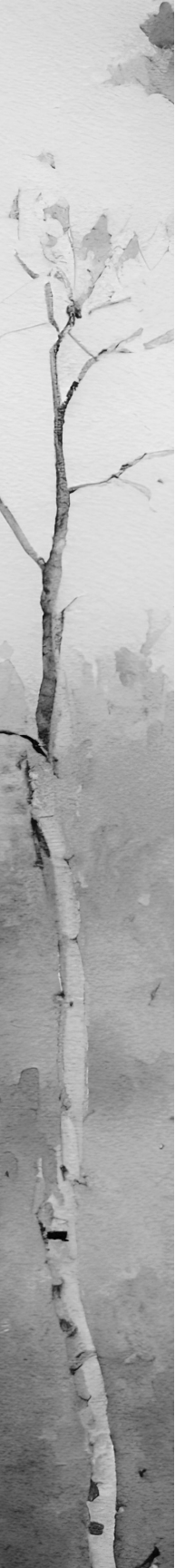
Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Translation written by Rabbi Brant Rosen

וְאָהַבְתָּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ
וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ
הַיּוֹם עַל־לִבְבְּךָ: וְשָׁנַנְתָּם לְבִנְיֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשַׁבְּתֶךָ
בְּבֵיתְךָ וּבְלֶכְתְּךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְקִשְׁרָתָם
לְאָזְנוֹת עַל־יָדֶיךָ וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל־
מִזְזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

*V'ahavta eit Adonai Elohecha b'chol l'vav'cha uv'chol
nafsh'cha uv'chol m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim
ha'eileh asher Anochi m'tzav'cha hayom al levavecha.
V'shinantam l'vanecha v'dibarta bam b'shivt'cha
b'veitecha uvlecht'cha vaderech uv'shoch-b'cha
uvkumecha. Ukshartam l'ot al yadecha v'hayu
l'totafot bein einecha. Uchtavtam al-m'zuzot beitecha
uvisharecha.*





You shall love the One
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all you have.

Hold tight to this love, even as you send it out
to parts unknown.

Let this love flow through you
when you sleep through the night,
when you rise in the morning,
when you venture out and when you return.

Make this love real through your thoughts and deeds
no matter how trivial they may seem.

Keep it in front of your eyes
that your steps be true,
when they lead you toward the light
and when they lead into darkness.

Paint it thick upon the doorposts of your house,
so that the love you have offered
so freely
may always find its way home.

Mi Chamochah / Who Is Like You?

Melody by Debbie Friedman

מי-כמכה באלים יהוה: מי כמכה נאדר בקדש נורא
תהלת עשה פלא:

Mi chamochah ba-eilim Adonai?

Mi kamochoh nedar bakodesh?

Nora t'hilot oseh feleh.

Nora t'hilot oseh feleh.

Who is like You among all that people worship, Adonai?
Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praise,
doing wonders?

Hashkiveinu / Evening Peace

Melody by Craig Taubman, English by Bob Marley

שָׁלוֹם, שָׁלוֹם

הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים

וְשָׁמֹר צִאתָנוּ וּבֹאֵנוּ, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם, מֵעַתָּה וְעַד

עוֹלָם.

Shalom, Shalom (x4)

Hashkiveinu Adonai,

Eloheinu l'shalom

V'ha'amideinu shomreinu l'chayim (x2)

Ushmor tzeiteinu

Uvo'einu

L'chayim ul'shalom

Mei'atah v'ad olam

Hashkiveinu Adonai,

Eloheinu l'shalom

V'ha'amideinu shomreinu l'chayim (x2)

Everything is going to be alright (x8)

Shalom, Shalom (x4)

Grant, O God, that we lie down in peace, and raise us up,
our Guardian, to life renewed.

Protect our going and coming, to life and to peace
evermore.

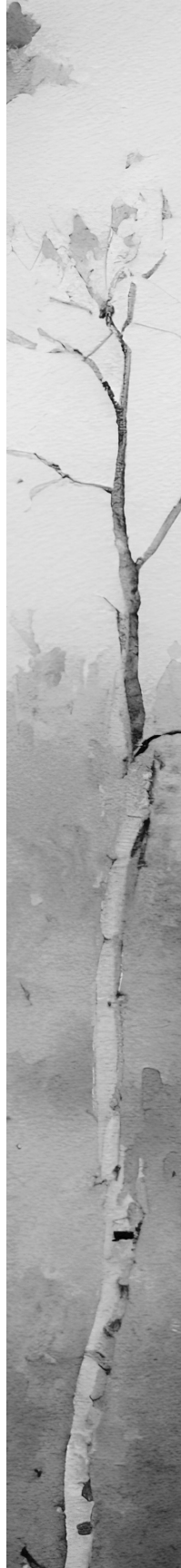
Adonai S'fatai

Melody by Rabbi Shir Meira Feit

אֲדַנִּי שְׁפַתִּי תִפְתַּח וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ

Adonai s'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha

Open my lips, Beloved One, and let my mouth declare
Your praise.





Amidah Meditation

The Radiance Sutras

The roar of joy that set the worlds into motion
Is reverberating in your body
And the space between all bodies.
Beloved, listen.

Find that exuberant vibration
Rising new in every moment,
Humming in your secret places,
Resounding through the channels of delight.
Know you are flooded by it always.

Float with the sound.
Melt with it into divine silence.
The sacred power of space will carry you
Into the dancing radiant emptiness
That is the source of all.

The ocean of sound is inviting you
Into its spacious embrace,
Calling you home.

Silent Amidah

Ancestors

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו ואמותינו, אלהי
אברהם, אלהי יצחק, ואלהי יעקב, אלהי שרה, אלהי
רבקה, אלהי רחל ואלהי לאה. האל הגדול הגבור והנורא,
אל עליון, גומל חסדים טובים, וקנה הכל, וזוכר חסדי
אבות ואמות, ומביא גואל לבני בניהם, למען שמו באהבה.
זכרנו לחיים, מלך חפץ בחיים, וכתבנו בספר החיים,
למענה אלהים חיים. מלך עוזר ומושיע ומגן. ברוך אתה יי,
מגן אברהם ועזרת שרה:

Power

אתה גבור לעולם אדני, מחיה מתים אתה, רב להושיע.
מכלכל חיים בחסד, מחיה מתים ברחמים רבים, סומך
נופלים, ורופא חולים, ומתיר אסורים, ומקים אמונתו לישני

עפר, מי כמוך בעל גבורות ומי דומה לך, מלך ממית
ומחיה ומצמיח ישועה:

מי כמוך אב הרחמים, זכר יצוריו לחיים ברחמים. ונאמן
אתה להחיות מתים. ברוך אתה יי, מחיה המתים:

Sanctification

אתה קדוש ושמר קדוש, וקדושים בכל יום יהללוך סלה:

ובכן תן פחדך יי אלהינו על כל-מעשיך ואימתך על כל-
מה-שבראת וייראוך כל-המעשים וישתחוו לפניך כל-
הברואים ויעשו כלם אגדה אחת לעשות רצונך בלבב
שלם כמו שידענו יי אלהינו שהשלטון לפניך עז בידך
וגבורה בימינך ושמר נורא על כל-מה-שבראת:

ובכן תן כבוד יי לעמך תהלה ליראיך ותקוה לדורשיך
ופתחון פה למיחלים לך שמחה לארצך וששון לעירך
במהרה בימינו:

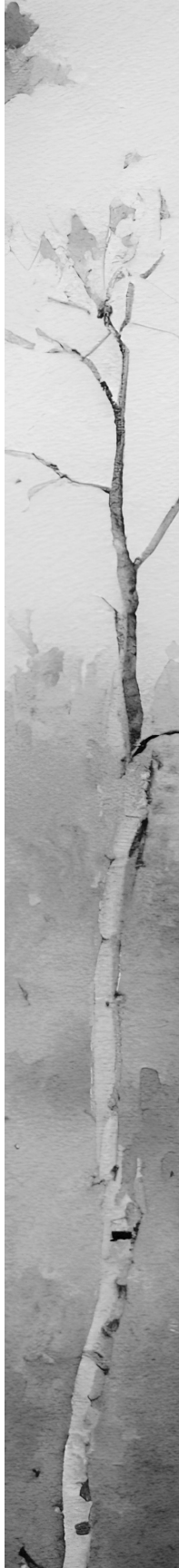
ובכן צדיקים יראו וישמחו וישרים יעלזו וחסידים ברנה
יגילו ועולתה תקפץ-פיה וכל-הרשעה כלה כעשן תכלה
כי תעביר ממשלת זדון מן הארץ:

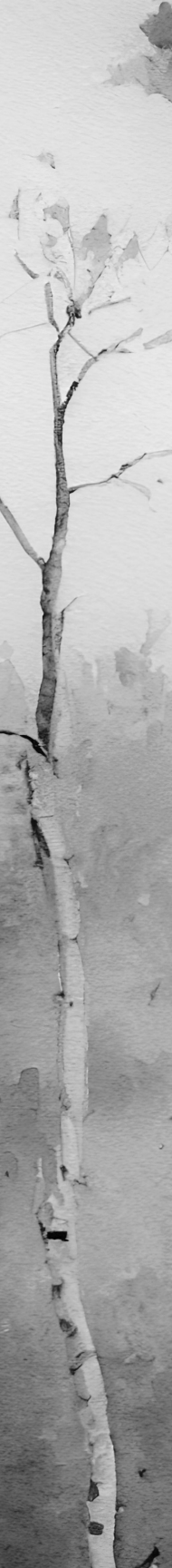
קדוש אתה ונורא שמך ואין אלוה מבלעדיך. ככתוב:
ויגבה יי צבאות במשפט והאל הקדוש נקדש בצדקה.
ברוך אתה יי המלך הקדוש:

Sanctifying This Day

אתה אהבתנו ורצית בנו, וקדשתנו במצותיך וקרבתנו
מלכנו לעבודתך, ושמר הגדול והקדוש עלינו קראת. ותתן
לנו יי אלהינו באהבה,

את-יום הזכרון הזה יום תרועה





אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאֲמוֹתֵינוּ, מְלוֹךְ עַל כָּל הָעוֹלָם כְּלוּ
בְּכַבּוֹדְךָ וְהַנְּשֵׂא עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ בִּיקְרָךְ. וַיִּדַע כָּל פֶּעוּל כִּי
אֵתָה פְּעַלְתּוֹ וַיִּבִין כָּל יִצְוֹר כִּי אֵתָה יִצְרְתּוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר כָּל אִשָּׁר
נִשְׁמָה בְּאִפּוֹ יְיָ מֶלֶךְ וּמַלְכוּתוֹ בְּכָל מַשְׁלָה:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיּוֹם הַזְכָּרוֹן:

Acceptance

רָצָה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֵהֵב תְּפַלְתֶּם בְּאַהֲבָה תִּקְבַּל
בְּרָצוֹן, וְתִהְיֶה לְרָצוֹן תְּמִיד עֲבוֹדַת יִשְׂרָאֵל. וְתַחֲזִינָה עֵינֵינוּ
בְּשׁוֹבֵךְ לְצִיּוֹן בְּרַחֲמִים. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַמַּחְזִיר שְׂכִינְתּוֹ
לְצִיּוֹן:

Thanksgiving

מוֹדִים אֲנַחְנוּ לָךְ, שְׂאֵתָה הוּא, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ,
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד, צוֹר חַיֵּינוּ, מְגֵן יִשְׁעֵנוּ, אֵתָה הוּא לְדוֹר וָדוֹר,
נוֹדָה לָךְ וְנִסְפָּר תְּהַלְתֶּךָ, עַל חַיֵּינוּ הַמְּסוּרִים בְּיַדְךָ, וְעַל
נִשְׁמוֹתֵינוּ הַפְּקוּדוֹת לָךְ, וְעַל נִסְיֶיךָ שֶׁבְּכָל יוֹם עִמָּנוּ, וְעַל
נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ וְטוֹבוֹתֶיךָ שֶׁבְּכָל עֵת, עָרַב וּבָקֵר וְצֹהָרִים, הַטּוֹב,
כִּי לֹא כְּלוּ רַחֲמֶיךָ, וְהִמְרַחֵם, כִּי לֹא תִּמּוּ חֲסָדֶיךָ, מֵעוֹלָם
קִוִּינוּ לָךְ:

Shalom

שְׁלוֹם רַב עַל כָּל הָעוֹלָם תִּשְׁמִים לְעוֹלָם, כִּי אֵתָה הוּא מֶלֶךְ
אֲדוֹן לְכָל

הַשְּׁלוֹם. וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךָ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת כָּל-יְיֹשְׁבֵי
תְּבֵל בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שְׁעָה בְּשְׁלוֹמְךָ:

בְּסִפָּר חַיִּים, בְּרַכָּה, וְשְׁלוֹם, וּפְרֻנְסָה טוֹבָה, נִזְכָּר וְנִכְתָּב
לְפָנֶיךָ, אֲנַחְנוּ וְכָל יִרְאֵי שְׁמֶךָ, לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וּלְשְׁלוֹם. בְּרוּךְ
אַתָּה יְיָ, עוֹשֵׂה הַשְּׁלוֹם:

Ancestors

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu v'Eilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu: Elohei Avraham, Elohei Yitzchak, v'Eilohei Ya'akov, Elohei Sarah, Elohei Rivkah, Elohei Rachel, v'Eilohei Leah. HaEl hagadol hagibor v'hanora, El elyon, gomeil chasadim tovim, v'koneih hakol, v'zocheir chasdei avot v'imahot, umeivi g'ulah livnei v'neihem, l'ma'an sh'mo b'ahavah. Zochreinu l'chayim, melech chafeitz bachayim, v'chotveinu b'seifer hachayim, l'ma'ancha Elohim chayim. Melech ozeir umoshia umagein. Baruch atah Adonai, magen Avraham v'ezrat Sarah.

Power

Atah gibor l'olam Adonai, m'chayeih meitim/hakol atah rav l'hoshia. Morid hatal. M'chalkeil chayim b'chesed, m'chayeih meitim/hakol b'rachamim rabim, someich noflim, v'rofei cholim, umatir asurim, umkayeim emunato lisheinei afar. Mi chamocha, ba'al g'vurot, umi domeh lach? Melech meimit umchayeh umatzmiach y'shuah.

Mi chamocha av harachamim? Zocheir y'tzurav l'chayim b'rachamim. V'ne'eman atah l'hachayot meitim. Baruch atah Adonai m'chayeih hameitim.

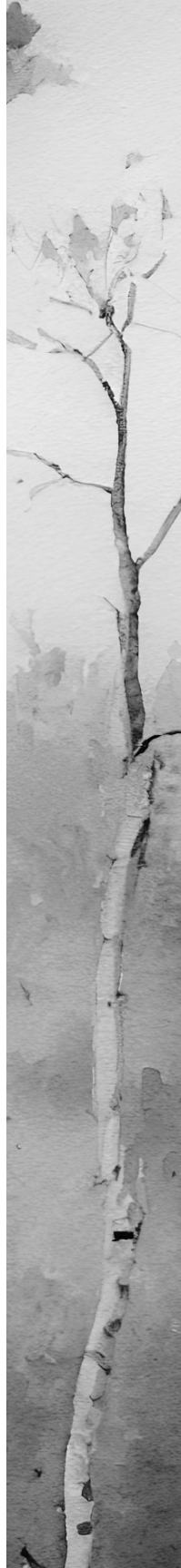
Sanctification

Atah kadosh, v'shimcha kadosh, ukdoshim b'chol yom y'hal'lucha selah.

Uvchein tein pachd'cha, Adonai Eloheinu, al kol ma'asecha, v'eimat'cha al kol mah shebarata. V'yiraucha kol hama'asim, v'yishtachavu l'fanecha kol hab'ruim. V'yei'asu chulam agudah echat, la'asot r'tzoncha b'leivav shaleim — k'mo sheyadanu, Adonai Eloheinu, shehasholtan l'fanecha, oz b'yad'cha, ugvurah biminecha, v'shimcha nora al kol mah shebarata.

Uvchein tein kavod, Adonai, l'amecha; t'hilah lirei'echa, v'tikvah l'dorshecha, ufitchon peh lamyachalim lach, simchah l'artzecha, v'sason l'irecha, bimheirah v'yameinu.

Uvchein tzadikim yiru v'yismachu, visharim ya'alozu. Vachasidim b'rinah yagilu. V'olatah tikpotz piha, v'chol harishah





k'ashan tichleh. Ki ta'avir memshelet zadon min ha'aretz.

Kadosh atah, v'nora sh'mecha; v'ein Eloah mibaladecha, kakatuv: "Vayigbah Adonai tz'vaot bamishpat, v'haEl hakadosh nikdash bitzdakah." Baruch atah Adonai, hamelech hakadosh.

Sanctifying This Day

Atah ahavtanu v'ratzita banu, v'kidashtanu b'mitzvotcha, v'keiravtanu malkeinu la'avodatecha, v'shimcha hagadol v'hakadosh aleinu karata. Vatitein lanu Adonai Eloheinu b'ahavah; et Yom Hazikaron hazeh, Yom T'ruah.

Eloheinu v'Eilohei avoteinu v'imoteinu, m'loch al kol haolam kulo bichvodecha, v'hinasei al kol ha'aretz bikarecha. V'yeida kol pa'ul, ki atah p'alto v'yavin kol y'tzur ki atah y'tzarto, v'yomar kol asher n'shamah b'apo: Adonai melech, umalchuto bakol mashalah.

Baruch atah Adonai, m'kadeish Yisrael v'Yom Hazikaron.

Acceptance

R'tzeih Adonai Eloheinu, b'Yisrael utfilatam b'ahavah t'kabeil b'ratzon, ut'hi l'ratzon tamid avodat Yisrael. V'techezenah eineinu b'shuv'cha l'Tziyon b'rachamim. Baruch atah Adonai, hamachazir sh'chinato l'Tziyon.

Thanksgiving

Modim anachnu lach, sha'atah hu Adonai Eloheinu v'Eilohei avoteinu l'olam vaed, tzur chayeinu, magein yisheinu, atah hu l'dor vador, nodeh l'cha un'sapeir t'hilatecha, al chayeinu ham'surim b'yadecha, v'al nishmoteinu hap'kudot lach, v'al nisecha sheb'chol yom imanu, v'al nifl'otecha v'tovotecha sheb'chol eit, erev vavoker v'tzohorayim, hatov ki lo chalu rachamecha, v'hamracheim, ki lo tamu chasadecha, mei'olam kivinu lach.

Shalom

Shalom rav al kol ha'olam tasim l'olam. Ki atah hu melech adon l'chol hashalom. V'tov b'einecha l'vareich et Yisrael v'et kol-yoshvei teiveil b'chol eit uvchol sha'ah bishlomecha. B'seifer

*chayim b'rachah v'shalom ufarnasah tovah nizacheir v'nikateiv
l'fanecha anachnu v'chol yirei sh'mecha l'chayim tovim
ulshalom. Baruch atah Adonai oseh hashalom.*

Open my lips, Beloved One, and let my mouth declare Your praise.

Blessed is the Source of our ancestors, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel and God of Leah, great and awesome Source, imparting loving-kindness, Source of all, mindful of the devotion of our ancestors, bringing, with love, redemption to their children's children for the sake of the Sacred Name. Remember us for life and write us in the Book of Life. Our Source, our help: Blessed is the Name with Many and No Names, strength of our ancestors.

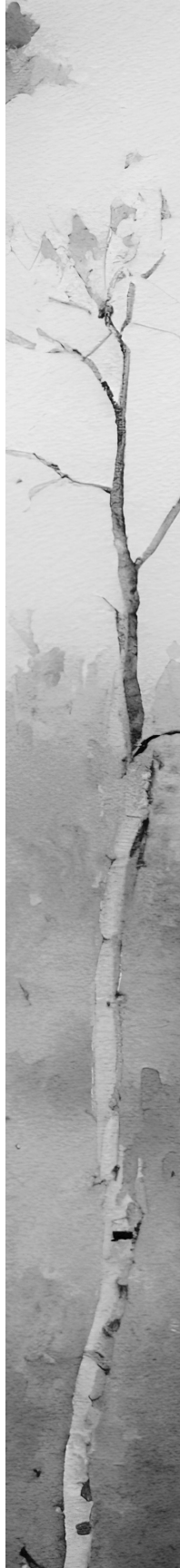
The Source is forever powerful, bringing the dead to life, abundant in saving acts. With loving-kindness the Source sustains the living, bringing the dead to life with great compassion, upholding those who fall, healing the sick, freeing the captive, and remaining steadfast to those who sleep in the dust. Who can compare to this power, who can resemble this power, the source of life and death, which causes strength to unfold?

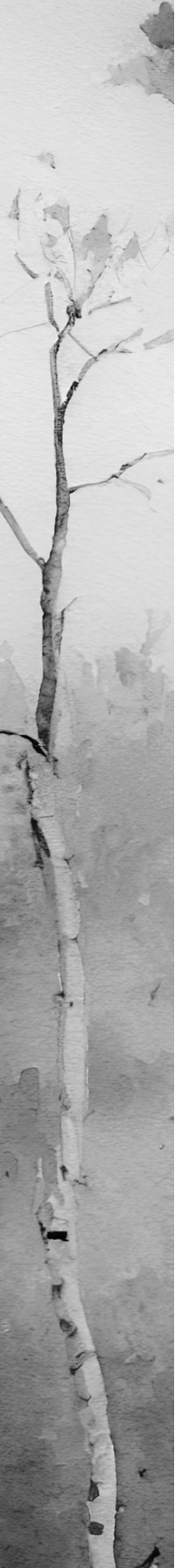
What can compare to this power, source of all compassion, remembering all creatures, decreeing life! The Source enables the dead to go on living through memory. Blessed is the Source of Life, who brings the dead to life.

The Name is Sacred. And all sacred beings are in relationship with you each day.

And so, Holy One of Blessing, let awe infuse the whole of creation, and let awareness dwell in all living creatures. Let every being remember and connect to Source. Let all of us, as one, enact the vision of deep connection with a whole and peaceful heart. For we have always known that all connections lead back to the Source, all strength is rooted in the Sacred. The Name with Many and No Names alone is the source of awe that surges through all life.

And so, Holy One of Life Unfolding, let awe infuse us, let the praise ring out from all who connect. Let hope enliven all who seek sacred connection and let all who look to Life with hope find strength to speak. Grant joy throughout the land, let happiness resound throughout the sacred city, soon, and in our days.





And therefore, let the righteous rejoice and celebrate, let all who follow in the path of goodness sing out, let all who love Sacred Connection dance with joy, and may righteous and compassionate use of power overwhelm all wrongdoing, so that it vanishes wholly from the earth like smoke. Then will the power of injustice pass away from the earth.

Sacred is the Name, and awe-inspiring is the Name. There is no Source of Being apart from the Sacred Source, as it is written: “The Creator of the hosts of heaven will be exalted through the rule of law, and the Source of Blessing will be made sacred by the reign of justice.” Blessed is the Name, Eternal One.

We have been loved and sanctified with *mitzvot* (right action), we have been brought closer to service, and we have been called to the shelter underneath the wings of Sacred Presence. We have been given compassion and forgiveness on these holy High Holidays, days of forgiveness for all our shortcomings and mistakes, a sacred gathering, a remembering of the going-out from Egypt.

Our Source, our ancients' Source of blessing, may our prayer arise, and be held and be acceptable. Let it be heard, acted upon, remembered—remembering us and all our needs, remembering our ancestors, remembering hopes for a more compassionate and just world, remembering all who are in awe of the Great Name. Act for goodness and grace, love and care, life, well-being and peace on this Day of Atonement.

Remember us this day, Divine Source, for goodness. Favor us this day with blessing. Preserve this day for life. With redeeming, nurturing Presence, be kind and generous. Act tenderly on our behalf and grant us success over all our hardships. Truly, our eyes turn toward the Presence of grace and compassion.

Our Source, and Source of our ancestors, let us not feel forsaken or ashamed, let us remember the covenant with that Sacred Presence, may we be brought closer to the wisdom of the Torah, the wisdom of *mitzvot* – right action. May we learn to value the deep wisdom of *mitzvot*. May we incline our hearts to treat the Sacred Presence in all life with awe, may we be open to Love and truth with whole hearts. And for the sake of the Name that has Many and No Names, may we experience compassion and forgiveness for our shortcomings and failures on this Sacred Day.

Our Source, and Source of our ancestors, may we realize holiness in doing *mitzvot* and receiving wisdom from Torah, let us enjoy the good things of the world, and connect with joy. May we refine our hearts to serve truth and lovingkindness. For the Source of All Being Unfolding offers forgiveness in each generation.

Blessed is the Divine Unfolding of Forgiveness, and Compassion.

May the Source of all Blessings take pleasure in all creation. May our prayers, hopes, and wishes be heard and accepted. And may our eyes witness the homecoming of all people to a planet filled with peace.

We give thanks to the Source of Compassion, Source of our Ancestors, today and always. A firm, enduring source of life, may we experience a sense of safety and security in difficult times, and sense of Sacred Presence from age to age. We acknowledge our smallness in the Presence of Something Larger, and express gratitude for our lives, our souls, the miracles and blessings that greet us every day, and the wonders and the good things that are with us every hour, morning, noon and night. Good One, whose kindness never stops, Compassionate One, whose loving acts have never failed, we express our hope in Life Unfolding.

For all these things, may the Name be blessed and raised in honor always. And may our lives be writ down for a good life all who share Your covenant. Let all of life acknowledge You! May all beings praise Your name in truth, O God, our rescue and our aid. Blessed You is Compassion, the Name that has no Name and Many Names, for which all thanks are due.

May we be granted peace, goodness and blessing in the world, grace, love and compassion over us and over all who are in awe of the Sacred Name. May we be blessed, amid the light, the Torah of life, and love of kindness, justice, blessing, compassion, life and peace. So may it be a good thing, to bless our people and all peoples, with abundant strength and peace.

In the book of life, blessing, and peace, and proper sustenance, may we be remembered and inscribed, we and all who are in awe of the Presence, for a good life and for peace. Blessed is the Source of Compassion, maker of peace.

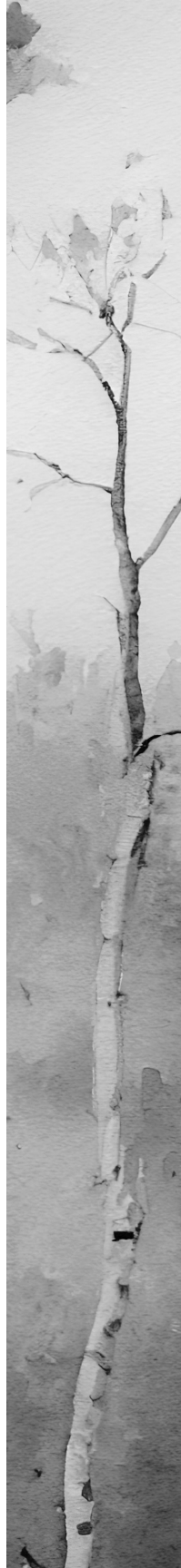
Oseh Shalom / Praying for Peace

Melody by Rabbi Shir Meira Feit

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֶל וְאָמְרוּ : אָמֵן.

*Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu,
V'al kol Yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei teveil, v'imru: Amen.*

May the one who creates harmony in our world make peace for us and for all Israel, and for all who live on Earth. And let us say, Amen.



Avinu Malkeinu / Our Source and Strength of Life

Adapted from Kedem Congregation

אָבֵינוּ מֶלְכֵנוּ חַנּוּנוּ וְעַנּוּנוּ

אָבֵינוּ מֶלְכֵנוּ חַנּוּנוּ וְעַנּוּנוּ

כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים

עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ:

Avinu Malkeinu, choneinu va'aneinu

Avinu Malkeinu, choneinu va'aneinu

ki ein banu ma'asim

Aseih imanu tz'dakah vacheses

Aseih imanu tz'dakah vacheses v'hoshi'einu

(Translation: Our Creator, Our Guardian, be gracious and respond to us, for we have too few good deeds; act toward us with justice tempered by love, and help us be whole.)

Our Compassionate One, Our Just One, forgive us for the sake of Your Name.

Our Rock, Our Redeemer, renew for us a good year.
Our Rescuer, Our Hope, help us find courage and hope within us.

Our Mother, Our Life's Breath, remove from all your children disease, war, famine, exile and destruction.
Our Divine Presence, Our Soul, forgive us and help us forgive ourselves for all of our wrongdoing.

Our Help, Our Guide, may we return to you in whole-hearted repentance.

Our Friend, Our Beloved, remember us with favor.

Our God, Our Leader, accept our prayer in favor and with mercy.

Our Mother, Our Life's Breath, hear our voices, show us mercy and compassion.

Our Divine Presence, Our Soul, inscribe us in the book of reconciliation.

Our Eternal One, Our Redeemer, inscribe us in the book of merit.

Our Friend, Our Beloved, inscribe us in the book of good life.

Our Creator, Our Guardian, be gracious and respond to us, for we have too few good deeds; act toward us with justice tempered by love, and save us.

*Avinu Malkeinu, chaneinu va'aneinu
Avinu Malkeinu, chaneinu va'aneinu
ki ein banu ma'asim
Asei imanu tzedakah va-chesed
Asei imanu tzedakah va-chesed v'hoshi-einu (x2)*

Tree of Life / Healing Prayer

Nefesh Mountain

O sweet Spirit, hear my prayer
Help these words heal someone out there
I am but a voice, just a cry in the air
But I sing, nonetheless, in this pain we share

O sweet friends, come and dry your eyes
And hold each other by this Tree of Life
I'm angry and tired of this great divide
But I sing, nonetheless, with love on our side

אָנָא אֵל נָא רַפָּא נָא לָהּ

*Ana El na r'fa na la (x4)
(Translation: Please God heal her now)*

O sweet souls who feel broken now
We'll heal together, somewhere, somehow
Time and again, we have been let down
But we sing, nonetheless, still whole and still proud

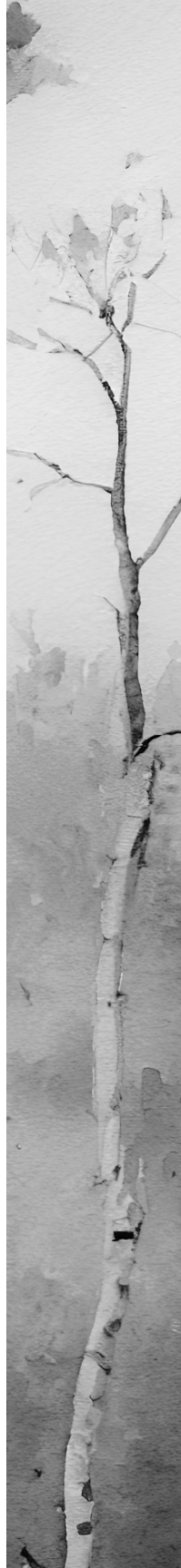
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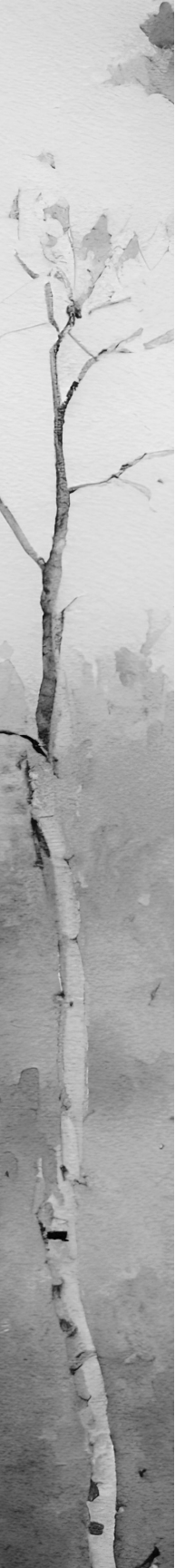
O sweet Spirit, hear my prayer
Help these words heal someone out there

A Rosh Hashanah Blessing: You Are Enough

Blaze Ardman

In the coming year,
may you open your eyes each morning,
to the basket of gifts offered
without restraint by Life Unfolding.





A basket woven by the sea,
Sealed by the earth,
Fired to an irresistible shine,
Riding on the wind of all your joys
And all your sorrows.
All your certainties
And all your doubts
And all the in-betweens.

A basket so large it cannot be contained
filled with curious boxes of all sizes,
Wrapped in all varieties of experience and feelings,
some will have the fragrance
of today's just-cut lilacs.
Others the odor of yesterday's fishwrap.
Unwrap one gift,
and another appears.

The basket is always full.
It holds everything,
the gifts of scarcity, anxiety, emptiness,
Loss, loneliness, confusion.
May their presence not conceal from
your eyes the most basic gifts

The breath of life,
the steadfast sun,
the senses through which you receive
the miracle of creation.

May you accept all of them,
even the most foul stuff of life,
with appreciation.
May you thank the giver,
for you cannot know
the why or wherefore
or the diamond that may
be hidden in the blackness
of what seems impossible to bear.

For as long as you live.
May you share your riches with others,
in whatever way expresses the

trueness that is you.
For you are a blessing, you know.

May you be blessed to have faith
that you are loved.
Faith that at every given moment,
you *have* enough.
you *do* enough.
you *are* enough.
May you have faith
that you are loved.
And let us say *Amen*.

Vahasheivota / Returning Our Hearts

Rabbi Shir Meira Feit

וְהִשְׁבֵּת אֶל לְבַבְךָ, כִּי הַנְּיָה הִיא הָאֱלֹהִים:
וְנֹאמֶר וְהִיְתָה הַנְּיָה לְמַלְכָּה עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ.
בְּיוֹם הַהוּא תִּהְיֶה הַנְּיָה אַחַת וְשִׁמָּה אַחַת:

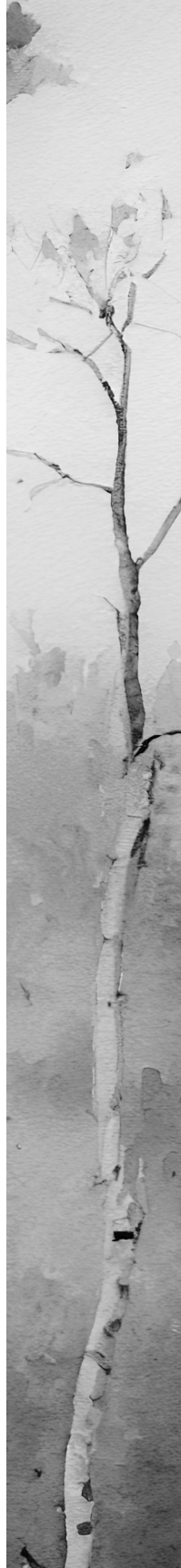
Song leader sings 1st, community repeats:

Vahasheivota (repeat)
El I'vevecha (repeat)
Ki Havayah (repeat)
Hi ha-Elohim (repeat)
(x2)

All together:

*V'ne'emar: V'haitah Havayah l'malkah al kol ha'aretz.
Bayom hahu tihyeh Havayah achat ush'ma achat.*

Return to your hearts, for Being and Becoming is the Source. With reverence and thanksgiving we accept our destiny, the day on which all will be one.



Kaddish Yatom / Mourner's Kaddish

Translation by Rabbi Daniel Brenner

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעֵלְמָא דִּי בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְכָל בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּעִגְלָהּ וּבְזִמְנָן קָרִיב וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**

יְהֵא שְׁמָא רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעָלָם וּלְעָלְמֵי עֲלַמְיָהּ:

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא:

לְעֵלָא לְעֵלָא מְכַל בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁרְתָּא תְּשַׁבְּחַתָּא וְנַחֲמַתָּא
דְאַמִּירָן בְּעֵלְמָא וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרְוֵמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל יוֹשְׁבֵי תֵבֶל וְאָמְרוּ **אָמֵן:**

*Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'almah divra chirutei
v'yamilich malchutei b'chai'yiechon uv'yomeichon
uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisrael ba-agala uvizman kariv
v'imru: **Amen.***

Y'hei sh'meih rabah m'vorach l'alam ul-almei almaya.

*Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'it'pa'ar v'yitromam v'yitnasei
v'yithadar v'yit'haleh v'yithalal sh'mei d'kudsha **b'rich hu.***

*L'eila l'eila mikol birchata v'shirata tush-b'chata
v'nech'mata
da-amiran b'alma v'imru: **Amen.***

*Y'hei shlama raba min sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al kol
Yisrael v'imru: **Amen.***

*Oseh shalom bimromav hu ya-aseh shalom aleinu v'al kol
Yisrael v'al kol yoshvei teiveil v'imru: **Amen.***

Make the God-name big. Big and holy. Do it in this world, this creation, sprung from consciousness and bring some order to this. Do it fast, soon, in our lives, in the days ahead.

Amen.

May the Name be blessed, forever and ever.

Yes, blessed! Blessed, whispered, sung out, shouted, honored, this holy name. The name is beyond any song, poem, or comforting words we could ever speak. Everybody say: **That's the truth!**

May a big peace descend from the heavens for all beings and say: **May it be true.**

Make that peace in the heavens, Great One who creates wholeness. Everybody say: **Amen. May it be true.**

Im Ein Ani Li

Melody and English by Michael Harlow, Pirkei Avot 1:14

I want my life,
To make a difference
I want my life, to make a change

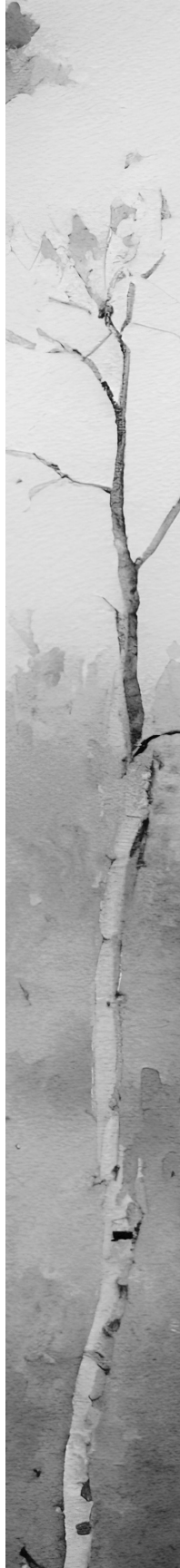
I want my life,
To do some good here,
I want my life, to make a change

אם אין אני לי, אז מי לי. וכשאני לעצמי, מה אני. ואם
לא עכשיו, אימתי

*Im ein Ani li,
Az mi li,*

And when I'm for myself alone, who am I?

*V'im lo achshav
Eimatai, eimatai.*



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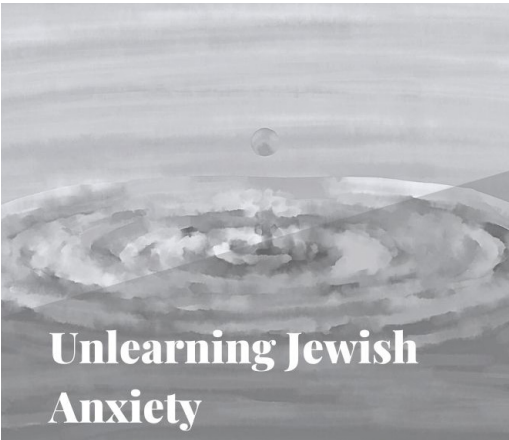
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In Loving Memory: Donald Sturm



This year, we remember Donald Sturm who passed away on August 17, 2024. Don was the Founder of Judaism Your Way with his wife Sue Sturm. Their vision and support led Judaism Your Way to much success over the last 20 years.

Don and Sue's lifelong dedication as board members and donors has empowered Judaism Your Way to touch the lives of thousands annually. Their unwavering commitment to our organization's sustainability played a pivotal role in the successful completion of our endowment campaign.

Don is survived by Sue Sturm, his beloved wife of 36 years, his four children, Robert Sturm, Melanie Sturm (Marc Zachary), Stephen Sturm (Sydney Hodgson Sturm) and Emily Sturm Ehrens (Ben Ehrens), his grandson Zane Zachary, and an extended family whose lives he enriched through his kindness and belief in the meaningfulness of strong family bonds. He was preceded in death by his two sisters Helen Coel and Fern Haberman.

May Don's memory be a blessing.



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