IN MEMORY OF MARYANN HERZBERGER GLANTZ
an endless inspiration

Entrances to holiness are everywhere.

The possibility of ascent is all the time, always, even at unlikely times and through unlikely places.

There is no place on earth without the Presence.

Lawrence Kushner, CCAR, Mishkan T'filah

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New Beginnings זְּתְחָלוֹת

New beginnings and and new directions are always difficult, the Talmud tells us. But humanity's way, nature's way, has always been resilient. If you will it, it is no dream, Theodor Herzl said.

As If We Never Said Goodbye

I don't know why I'm frightened?
I know my way around here,
The cardboard trees, the painted seas, the sound here.
Yes, a world to rediscover,
But I'm not in any hurry,
And I need a moment.

The whispered conversations In overcrowded hallways, The atmosphere is thrilling here as always. Feel the early morning madness, Feel the magic in the making, Why, everything's as if we never said goodbye.

I've spent so many mornings just trying to resist you, I'm trembling now, you can't know how I've missed you. Missed the fairytale adventure, In this ever-spinning playground, We were young together.

I'm coming out of makeup, The light's already burning, Not long until the cameras will start turning. And the early morning madness, And the magic in the making, Yes, everything's as if we never said goodbye.

I don't want to be alone -That's all in the past. This world's waited long enough -I've come home at last!

And this time will be bigger,
And brighter than we knew it.
So watch me fly, we all know I can do it!
Could I stop my hands from shaking?
Has there ever been a moment,
With so much to live for?

The whispered conversations, In overcrowded hallways, So much to say, not just today but always. We'll have early morning madness, We'll have magic in the making, Yes, everything's as if we never said goodbye. (2x) We taught the world new ways to dream.

> Words and Music: Don Black, Christopher Hampton, Andrew Lloyd Weber, Amy Powers

Hear Our Prayer שָׁמֵע קוֹלֵנוּ

שָׁמַע קוֹלֵנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, חוּס וְרַחֵם עָלֵינוּ!

She-ma ko-lei-nu, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, hus v'ra-heim a-lei-nu!

Evening Service

If It Be Your Will

If it be your will That I speak no more And my voice be still As it was before.

I will speak no more. I shall abide until I am spoken for If it be your will.

If it be your will That a voice be true From this broken hill I will sing to you.

2X:

From this broken hill All your praises they shall ring If it be your will To let me sing. If it be your will
If there is a choice
Let the rivers fill
Let the hills rejoice.

Let your mercy spill
On all these burning hearts in hell
If it be your will
To make us well.

And draw us near And bind us tight All your children here In their rags of light.

In our rags of light.
All dressed to kill
And end this night
If it be your will (2x).

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen

Vows & Promises תַּקוַתֵנוּ

I am a flawed individual. The same as you and every other man or woman on the planet. It's what makes us human. According to Midrashic lore, God created another world before our own. But it needed to be destroyed for the Eternal One had forgotten one thing: the ability to change, to do Teshuva.

As I forgive those who have wronged me, may the many I have angered and hurt, harmed or wronged, be that of body or soul, honor or property, whether I was forced or did so willingly, deliberately or inadvertently

by accident or intent, by word or by deed. May each understand I too am human May no person feel guilty on my account.

Traditional Jewish Confessional, adaptation: AF

All the Vows on Our Lips

All the vows on our lips, the burden in our hearts, the pent-up regrets about which we brooded and spoke through prayers without end on last Atonement Day, did not change our way of life, did not bring about deliverance.

From mountains peaks of fervor we fell to old ways at the close of the fast. Will You hear our regret? Will You open our prison, release us from habit? Will You accept our prayers, forgive our wrongs, though sin again and again?

In moments of weakness, we forget the promises of last Yom Kippur. Recall that we easily forget, take only our intent. Forgive us, pardon us.

Zev Falk

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We kindle both the Lights of Yom Kippur:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel Yom Ha-Ki-pu-rim.

Praised be the Holy One of Light and Life, who is Light and gives Light, bringing us vision and warmth with the flames of Yom Kippur.

For the New Year and on other special occasions:

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam, she-he-he-ya-nu v'ki-y'ma-nu v'hi-qi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed is the Holy One of Light and Life, for keeping us alive, for giving us strength and for enabling us to be present for this extraordinary day!

Kol Nidre בָל נְדָרֵי

The Heavenly Court

By the decree of the heavenly court and with the authority of the earthly courts, with the permission of God the Ever-Present, and the permission of this congregation, we who have ourselves transgressed declare it lawful to pray with others.

Those who have wronged either God or human beings: the keeper of Shabbat who, by her silence, allowed gossip to flourish among her associates,

consents to pray with the supporter of the oppressed who neglected his family. The one who gave tzedakah but cheated at work, consents to pray with the one who worked hard for Israel but exploited his friend.

Joined in the recognition of our own failings we pledge to pray both for ourselves and for the others around us who have fallen short.

B'nai Brith Hillel, On Wings of Awe

בָּל נְדְרֵי נֶאֶסָרִי וַחֲרָמֵי וְקוֹנָמֵי וְכְנּוּיֵי וְקְנּוּסֵי וּשְׁבוּעוֹת,
דּנְדְרְנָא וּדְאִשְׁתַּבַּעְנָא וּדְאַחֲרִמְנָא וְדִאֲסֵרְנָא עַל נַפְּשָׁתְנָא,
מִיּוֹם כָּפֶּרִים זֶה עַד יוֹם כָּפֶּרִים הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ לְטוֹבָה,
כָּלְהוֹן אִחֲרַטְנָא בְהוֹן, כָּלְהוֹן יְהוֹן שָׁרָן, שְׁבִיקִין שְׁבִיתִין,
בְּטֵלִין וּמְבָטָלִין, לָא שְׁרִירִין וְלָא קַיָּמִין. נִדְרָנָא לָא נִדְרֵי,
נְאָסָרָנָא לָא אֱסָרֵי, וּשְׁבוּעִתְנָא לָא שְׁבוּעוֹת.

Kol ni-drei v'e-sa-rei va-cha-ra-mei v'ko-na-mei v'chi-nu-yei v'ki-nu-sei u-sh'vu-ot, di-n'dar-na u-d'ish-ta-ba-na u-d'a-ha-rim-na v'di-a-sar-na al naf-sha-ta-na, mi-yom ki-pu-rim -zeh ad yom ki-pu-rim ha-ba a-lei-nu l'to-va, kul-hon i-ha-rat-na v'hon, kul-hon y'hon sha-ran, sh'vi-kin sh'vi-tin, b'tei-lin u-m'vu-ta-lin, la sh'ri-rin v'la ka-ya-min. Ni-dra-na la ni-drei, v'e-sa-ra-na la e-sa-rei, u-sh'vu-a-ta-na la sh'vu-ot.

All vows, oaths, and promises which we made to God from last Yom Kippur to this Yom Kippur and were not able to fulfill - may all such vows between ourselves and God be annulled. May they be void and of no effect. May these vows not be considered vows, these oaths not be considered oaths, and these promises not be considered promises.

Our Prayers הְפִילוֹת לְר"ה

The traditional prayers for Rosh Hashanah commence here. We begin with the Ba-r'chu: the ancient Hebrew Call to Prayer.

Leader:

בָּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָרְ! **Congregation:
בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Ba-r'chu et A-do-nai Ha-M'vo-rach! Ba-ruch A-do-nai Ha-M'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed!

Praise be the One-That-Is-All, the Blessed One! Praise be the One-That-Is-All, the Blessed One, now and forever!

A Contemporary Psalm

Praise to the One who creates a morning panorama on the Appalachian peaks that moves us to say: Let's walk in the country, let's go to the lake. Praise to the One who makes old people young by the simple change of weather. Praise be the One of early Spring and Indian Summers, whose magic touch of subtle miracle is everywhere.

Danny Siegel, Contemporary Psalms and Prayers

Evening & Morning

Shema Yisrael שִׁמַע יִשִּׂרְאֵל

... from the Kingdom of Night

In the barracks, several hundred Jews gathered to celebrate Simhat Torah... But there was no Sefer Torah. So how could they organize the ritual *hakafot* - the traditional processions - without the sacred scrolls? As they were trying to solve the problem, an old man ... Old? The word had no meaning there... An old man noticed a young boy - who was so, so old - standing there, looking on, dreaming. "Do you remember what you learned?" asked the old man. "Yes, I do," replied the young boy. "Really?" said the old man, "you really remember *Shema Yisrael*?" "I remember much more," said the young boy. "*Shema Yisrael* is enough" said the old man. And he lifted the boy from the ground and began dancing with him as if he were the Torah! And all joined in: they all sang and danced and cried. They cried, but they sang with fervor: never before had Jews celebrated Simhat Torah with such fervor.

Elie Wiesel, The Jews of Silence

יְשְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחְ**ד**: בָּרוּך יִשְׁם כִּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֵד.

She-ma Yis-ra-el, A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, A-do-nai E- had. Ba-ruch Shem K'vod Mal-chu-to l'o-lam va-ed.

Hear O Israel: for us There Is One and only One! Blessed is the Majestic Unity of an Eternal Universe!

ּוְאָהַבְּהָ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךּ, בְּכָל-לְבָבְךּ, וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךּ, וּבְכָל-מְאֹדֶךּ.

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, אֲשֶׁר אָנֹכִי מְצַוְּךּ הַיּוֹם, עַל-לְבָבֶך: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךּ, וְבְלֶּכְתְּךְ בַדֶּרֶךְ וְבְשָׁכְבְּךּ, וְבְלֶכְתְּךְ בַדֶּרֶךְ וְבְשָׁכְבְּךּ, וְבְיִרְ וְבְשָׁכְבְּךּ, וְהָיוּ לְטִטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךּ, וּבְקוּמֶך. וִקְשַׁרְתִם לְאוֹת עַל-יָדֶךְ, וְהִיוּ לְטִטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךְ, וּבְקוּמָך עַל מְזְזוֹת בֵּיתֶךְ וּבִשְׁעֶרֶיךְ.

V'a-hav-ta et A-do-nai e-lo-he-cha, b'chol l'va-v'cha, u-v'chol naf-sh'cha, u-v'chol m'o-de-cha. V'ha-yu ha-d'va-rim ha-ei-leh, a-sher a-no-chi m'tza-v'cha ha-yom, al l'va-ve-cha. V'shi-nan-tam l'va-ne-cha, v'di-bar-ta bam, b'shiv-t'cha b'vei-te-cha, u-v'lech-t'cha va-de-rech, u-v'shoch-b'cha, u-v'ku-me-cha. U-k'shar-tam l'ot al ya-de-cha, v'ha-yu l'to-ta-fot bein ei-ne-cha. U-k'tav-tam al m'zu-zot bei-te-cha u-vish-a-re-cha.

You shall love the Eternal your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.

These words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

You shall teach them to your children.

You shall speak them when you are at home, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

You shall bind them as a symbol upon your hand, and they should be placed right before your eyes.

You shall write them on the lintels of your house and upon your gates.

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

הְפִּילָה: אַבוֹת

Tefila: Blessings of our Ancestors

Where is Abraham? אַכּוֹתֵינוּ? בּל אֲבוֹתֵינוּ?

אַיפֹּה אָבְינוּ? אֵיפֹה, אֵיפֹה אַבְרֶהָם? אֵיפֹה אַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ, יְרָחֵם עַל בְּנוֹ יִצְחָק?

אַיפֹה הוּא יוֹסֵף אחֵינוּ? איפה בֶּן פּוֹרָת יוֹסֵף? אַיפֹה הוּא יוֹסֵף אחֵינוּ, שֵׁיִלְחָם לִי חלוֹמוֹת?

אַיפֹה הִיא רָחֵל אָמֵנוּ? אֵיפֹה, אֵיפֹה הִיא רָחֵל? אֵיפֹה הִיא רָחֵל אָמֵנוּ, שׁתַּזִיל הַרְבֵה דִּמְעוֹת?

אַיפֹה הוּא מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּנוּ? אֵיפֹה, אֵיפֹה הוּא מֹשֶׁה? אַיפֹה הוּא מֹשֶׁה רַבֵּנוּ, שֶׁיִתֵּן אֶת הַלוּחוֹת?

> אֶליָהוּ נְבִיאֵינוּ? אֶליָהוּ הַנָּבִיא? אֶליָהוּ נְבִיאֵינוּ, לָנוּ הַשָּׁלוֹם יַבִּיא!

אַיפֹה הֵם כָּל אֲבוֹתֵינוּ? אֵיפֹה, אֵיפֹה הֵם כּוּלָם? מִי יִתֵּן וְיִבָּרְבֵנוּ - בּזְכוּתָם רִיבּוֹן עוֹלָם? **Ei-fo** Av-ra-ham a-vi-nu? Ei-fo, ei-fo Av-ra-ham? Ei-fo Av-ra-ham a-vi-nu, y'ra-hem al b'no Yitz-hak?

Ei-fo hu Yo-sef a-hei-nu? Ei-fo ben po-rat Yo-sef? Ei-fo hu Yo-sef a-hei-nu, sheh-yih-lom li ho-lo-mot?

Ei-fo hi Ra-hel i-mei-nu? Ei-fo, ei-fo hi Ra-hel? Ei-fo hi Ra-hel i-mei-nu, sheh-ta-zil har-bei d'ma-ot?

Ei-fo hu Mo-she ra-bei-nu? Ei-fo, ei-fo hu Mo-she? Ei-fo hu Mo-she ra-bei-nu, sheh-yi-ten et ha-lu-hot?

E-li-ya-hu n'vi-ei-nu? E-li-ya-hu ha-na-vi? E-li-ya-hu n'vi-ei-nu? La-nu ha-sha-lom ya-vi!.

Ei-fo hem kawl a-vo-tei-nu? Ei-fo, ei-fo hem ku-lam? Mi yi-ten v'y'var-chei-nu - b'z'chu-tam Ri-bon O-lam?

Where is Abraham our father? Where is Abraham: his son Isaac needs his love? Where is Joseph our brother? Where is Joseph who will help us dream? Where is Rachel our mother? Where is Rachel to warm us with her tears? Where is Moses our teacher? Where is Moses to bring us the Torah of goodness? And Elijah our prophet? Elijah the prophet who will finally bring us peace? Where are all our fathers and mothers? We need them so to bless us now!

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Evening & Morning

Ashamnu: Confessional עשמנו

Our God and God of our mothers and fathers, may our prayers come before You: do not ignore our pleas! We are neither so brazen nor so stubborn as to declare that we are righteous and have not sinned; for, indeed, we have sinned.

אָשַׁמְנוּ, פָּגַדְנוּ, נָּזַלְנוּ, דִּבַּרְנוּ דְפִי. הֶעֶוְינוּ, וְהִרְשַׁעְנוּ, זַדְנוּ, חָבֵּרְנוּ, כָּזַבְנוּ, כָּגַדְנוּ, נָאַצְנוּ, חָבֵּרְנוּ, כָּזַבְנוּ, כָּגַרְדנוּ, נִאַצְנוּ, סָבַרְנוּ, עָבֶרְנוּ, לְּשִׁינוּ עְרֶרף. רָשַׁעְנוּ, שִׁחַתְנוּ, מְּבַרְנוּ, קֹשִׁינוּ עְרֶרף. רָשַׁעְנוּ, שִׁחַתְנוּ, תִּעַבְנוּ, תִּעָבָנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ, תִּעַבָּנוּ,

Ashamnu, Bagadnu, Gazalnu, Dibarnu dofi. Hevinu, V'hirshanu, Zadnu, Hamasnu, Tafalnu sheker. Yatznu ra, Kizavnu, Latznu, Maradnu, Niatznu, Sararnu, Avinu, Pashanu, Tzararnu, Kishinu oref. Rashanu, Shihatnu, Tiavnu, Tainu, Titanu.

We have trespassed;

we have dealt treacherously;

we have robbed; we have spoken slander;

we have acted perversely; we have done wrong;

we have acted presumptuously; we have counseled evil;

we have spoken falsehood; we have scoffed; we have revolted;

we have blasphemed; we have rebelled; we have committed iniquity;

we have transgressed; we have oppressed; we have been stiff-necked;

we have done evil; we have dealt corruptly; we have committed abomination;

we have gone astray; we have led others astray. Traditional

Ashamnu: From A to Z... And Again

Of these things we are guilty:

We have Answered in anger

we have Broken our bargains

we have Controlled others, but not ourselves

we have **D**oubted our instincts

we have Enforced our will gratuitously

we have Freely wasted an abundance of resources

we have Given too haughtily

we have Hated too gladly

we have Intruded too frequently

we have Judged too hastily

we have Kept far too many grudges

we have Lied about so many things

we have Manipulated needlessly

we have Needlessly capitulated

we have Offered up others as sacrifices

we have Placed possessions over people

we have Quickly turned toward resentment and quietly run from responsibility

we have Reacted too readily, refused and been reluctant to remember others

we have Slowly turned toward evil

we have Twisted the truth too effortlessly

we have Unnecessarily undertaken too much responsibility

we have Vehemently violated all kinds of boundaries

we have Wantonly wished the downfall of others

we have been eXceedingly greedy

we have frequently said Yes when we needed to say no

we have far too frequently been Zealous when we might have been patient

. . .

We have Acquiesced when we might have Abstained. . .

We have Criticized nearly everything when we might instead

have Corrected ourselves...

We have Waited to change our lives even though we wanted to,

and wasted far too many opportunities for love and kindness...

We have lacked Zeal to create a better world for ourselves,

for our children, and for future generations.

... and we are clearly poorer for all of it.

Ari Fridkis

Evening & Morning

For Healing מָל שֵׁבַּרָך

Mi sheh-bei-rach A-vo-tei-nu, Avraham, Yitzhak v'Ya'akov Mi sheh-bei-rach I-mo-tei-nu, Sarah, Rivka, Leah v'Rahel May the One who blessed our Mothers, May the One who blessed our Fathers, Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, hear our prayer, hear our prayer . . . and bless us as well.

Bless us with the power of Your healing, Bless us with the power of Your hope. May our hearts be filled with understanding and strengthened by the power of Your love.

Words and Music: Lisa Levine

Remember Us זְּכְרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים

זָבְרֻבֹּנוּ לְחַיִּים, מֱלֶךְ חָפֵץ בַּחַיִּים, וְכָתְבֵנוּ בְּסֵפֶר הַחַיִּים!

Zoch-rei-nu l'ha-yim, Me-lech ha-feitz ba-ha-yim, v'kot-vei-nu b'se-fer ha-ha-yim!

Remember us for life, Majestic Creator and Giver of Life: Inscribe us once again this year in the Book of Life! Blessed are You, One-That-Is-All, Protector of Abraham, Champion of Sarah, the One who remembers all life!

Prayers of the Heart בַּוְוֹנוֹת הַלֶב

In this moment of silent communication a still, small voice beckons me: to pursue my life's work with full attention though no eye is upon me; to be gentle in the face of ingratitude, even when slander distorts my nobler impulses; to meet the end of the day with the certainty that I've used my gifts well and with dignity. Like my ancestors who entered the sea not knowing, let me become even braver, facing life's trials with distinction.

May I live on in deeds that bless others, and offer the heritage of a good name.

CCAR, Mishkan T'filah

אֶלֹהַיּ, נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנִי מֵרָע, וּשְׂפָתַי מִדַּבֵּר מִרְמָה. וְלִמְקַלְלֵי נַפְשִׁי תִדֹם, וְנַפְשִׁי כֶּעָפָר לַכֹּל תִּהְיֶה. פָּתַח לִבִּי בִּתוֹרָתֵך, וּבִמְצִוֹתֵיךְ תִּרְדּוֹף נַפִּשִׁי.

E-lo-hai, n'tzor l'sho-ni mei-ra, u's'fa-tai m'da-ber mir-ma. V'li-m'kal-l'lai naf-shi ti-dom, v'naf-shi k'a-far la-kol t'hi-yeh. P'taḥ li-bi b'To-ra-te-cha, u-v'Mitz-vo-te-cha tir-dof naf-shi.

My God, guard my tongue from evil and my lips from words of deceit. Help me stay quiet in the face of derision, humble in the presence of all. Open my heart to your Torah and may Your Teachings engage my soul.

Avinu Malkeinu אָבְינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ! שְׁמַע קוֹלֵנוּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, she-ma ko-lei-nu.

Avinu Malkeinu, hear our prayers!

אָבִינוּ מַ**לְבֵנוּ!** חָטָאנוּ לְפָנֵיךּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ha-ta-nu li-fa-ne-cha.

Avinu Malkeinu, we have sinned before You!

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ! הַמוֹל עָלֵינוּ וְעַל עוֹלָלֵנוּ וְטַפֵּנוּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ha-mol a-lei-nu ve-al o-la-lei-nu ve-ta-pei-nu.

Avinu Malkeinu, have compassion upon us and upon our children.

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ! כַּלֵּה דֶּבֶר וְחֶרֶב וְרָעָב מֵעָלֵינוּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ka-leh de-ver ve-he-rev ve-ra-av mei-a-lei-nu.

Avinu Malkeinu, bring an end to sickness, war and famine.

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Evening & Morning

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵנוּ! כַּלֵה כָּל צַר וּמַשְּׂטֵין מֵעֶלֵינוּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ka-leh kawl tzar u-mas-tin mei-a-lei-nu.

Avinu Malkeinu, bring an end to all oppression and evil.

אָבְינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ! חַדֵּשׁ עָלֵינוּ שָׁנָה טוֹבָה.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ḥa-deish a-lei-nu sha-na tov-va.

Avinu Malkeinu, bless us with a good new year.

אָבִינוּ מַלְבֵּנוּ! חָנֵנוּ וַעֲנֵנוּ, כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים, עֲשֵׂה עִפָּנוּ צְּדָקָה וָחֵסֵד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

A-vi-nu mal-kei-nu, ha-nei-nu va-nei-nu (2x) ki ein ba-nu ma-a-sim. A-sei i-ma-nu tze-da-ka va-he-sed (2x) v'ho-shi-ei-nu.

Avinu Malkeinu, be gracious to us, answer us, even when we have little merit. Treat us generously and with kindness, and be our help!

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Torah תּוֹרָה

On this rather unique Rosh Hashanah, we are suddenly blessed with a magnificent privilege: removing the Torah from the synagogue Ark - and bringing it into homes all over the world!

As You taught Torah to those whose names I bear, teach me Torah, too. Its mystery beckons, yet I struggle with its truth.

You meant Torah for me: did You mean the struggle for me, too? Don't let me struggle alone! Help me to understand, to be wise, to listen, to know . . . Lead me into the mystery.

Richard Levy, CCAR, Mishkan T'filah

The Torah is taken from the ark:

בּל מִצִּיוֹן הֵצֵא תוֹרָה, וּדְבַר יְיָ מִירוּשָׁלְיִם.

Ki mi-tzi-yon te-tzei To-rah, u-d'var A-do-nai Mei-ru-sha-la- yim.

From out of Zion hall go forth the Torah - and the word of the Holy One from Jerusalem.

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Like the flame which rests atop the Holy Ark - a symbol of the Great Light in the wilderness - this Torah too is forever.

Like this Sanctuary, in the inner recesses of our hearts You have set the ways of justice, love and peace They too are forever.

And like You the flame which burns in us may flicker, but can never be spent.

That flame and this Torah were once Yours.
Now they are ours!
This Torah is Everything!
And everything is in It.

Torah Blessings בְּרָכוֹת לַתּוֹרָה

Before the Reading of the Torah:

בָּרְבוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךְ! בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבוֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד! בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֶשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל הָעַמִים, וְנֵתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Ba-r'chu et A-do-nai ha-m'vo-rach!
Ba-ruch A-do-nai ha-m'vo-rach l'o-lam va-ed!
Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam,
a-sher ba-ḥar ba-nu mi-kol ha-a-mim, v'na-tan la-nu et To-ra-to.
Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, no-tein Ha-To-rah.

Praise the Blessed One!

Praised be the Blessed One now and forever! Praise be to You, One-Who-Is-All, Majestic of the Universe, who has chosen and blessed us with this Torah Praise be to You, One-Who-Is-All, Giver of the Torah.

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Deuteronomy 29-30 בַּרֵשִׁית כ"ט–ל

אתם נצבים היום ככלכם כלפני יהוה אלהיכם ראשיכם שבטיכם זקניכם ושטריכם ככ' איש ישראל טפכם נשיכם וגרך אשר בקרב מוזניך מוזטב עציך עד שאב מימיך כעברך בברית יהוה אלהיך ובאלתו אשר יהוה אלהיך כרת עמך היום

כי המצוה הזאת אשר אנכי מצוך היום כא לפכלאת הוא ממך וכא רוזקה הוא כא בשמים הוא כאמר מי יעלה כנו השמימה ויקוזה כנו וישמענו אתה ונעשנה וכא מעבר כים הוא כאמר מי יעבר כנו אכ עבר הים ויקוזה כנו וישמענו אתה ונעשנה כי קרוב אכיך הדבר מאד בפיך ובלבבך כעשתו ראה נתתי כפניך היום את הוזיים ואת המוב ואת המות ואת הרע

העדתי בכם היום את הש"מים ואת הארץ הוזיים והמות בתתי לפביך הברכה והקללה ובוזרת בוזיים למע"ץ תוזיה אתה ו"דע"ך

Deuteronomy 29

9 Ye are standing this day all of you before the LORD your God: your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 10 your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that is in the midst of thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water; 11 that thou shouldest enter into the covenant of the LORD thy God--and into His oath--which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day.

Deuteronomy 30

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say: 'Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?' 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say: 'Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?' 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. 15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; 20 to love the LORD thy God, to hearken to His voice, and to cleave unto Him; for that is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

After the Reading:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נְתַן לָנוּ תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת, וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹבֵנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-o-lam, a-sher na-tan la-nu To-rat e-met, v'ha-yei o-lam na-ta b'to-chei-nu. Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, no-tein Ha-To-rah.

Praise be to You, One-That-Is-All, Majestic of the Universe, who has given us this Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Praise be to You, One-That-Is-All, Giver of the Torah.

Morning Service

Day of Judgement לִּם הַדִּלֹן

Let us proclaim the sacred power of this day:
It is awesome and full of dread!
For on this day You reign
as Judge and Arbiter,
Counsel and Witness.
You write and you seal,
You record and recount.
You remember deeds long forgotten.
You open the book of our days,
and what is written there proclaims itself,
for it bears the signature of every human being!

וּבְשׁוֹפָר נָדוֹל יִתָּקַע! וְקוֹל דְּמָמָה דַּקָּה יִשְּׁמַע!

The great Shofar is sounded! A still, small voice is heard! The angels, gripped by fear and trembling, declare in awe:

הַנְה יוֹם הַדִּין! Today is the Day of Judgement!

For even the hosts of heaven are judged, as all who dwell on earth.

בָּקָרַת רוֹעֶה עָדְרוֹ, מַעֲבִיר צֹאנוֹ תַּחַת שִׁבְטוֹ.

As the shepherd seeks out his flock, and makes the sheep pass under his staff, so do You muster and number and consider every soul, setting the bounds of every creature's life, and decreeing its destiny!

בְּרֹאשׁ הַשָּׁנָה יִכָּתֵבוּן, וּבְיוֹם צוֹם כִּפּוּר יֵחָתֵמוּן. בַּמָּה יַעַבְרוּן, וְכַמָּה יִבָּראוּן. מִי יִחְיֶה, וּמִי יְמוּת. מִי יענִי, וּמִי יעשׁר: מִי יִשׁפל, וּמֵי ירוּם.

On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed. How many shall pass, how many come to be. Who shall live and who shall die. . . . Who shall be poor, who wealthy? Who shall be humbled and who exalted.

Who By Fire

And who by fire, who by water,
Who in the sunshine, who in the night time,
Who by high ordeal, who by common trial,
Who in your merry merry month of May,
Who by very slow decay,
And who shall I say is calling?
And who in her lonely slip, who by barbiturate,

Who in these realms of love, who by something blunt,
And who by avalanche, who by powder,
Who for his greed, who for his hunger,
And who shall I say is calling?
And who by brave assent, who by accident,
Who in solitude, who in this mirror,
Who by his lady's command, who by his own hand,
Who in mortal chains, who in power,
And who shall I say is calling?

Words and Music: Leonard Cohen

Morning Service

Book of Life: Uncertainty

I wanted a perfect ending,
So I sat down to write the book
with the ending in place before
there ever was an ending.
Now I've learned the hard way,
that some poems don't rhyme,
and some stories don't have
a clear beginning, middle and end.
Like my life, this book has ambiguity.
Like my life, this book is about
not knowing, having to change,
taking the moment and making the
best of it, without knowing
what's going to happen next.

Gilda Radner, It's Always Something

Matter is never destroyed, only transformed. So, too, can the soul evolve higher and higher: from instinct to inspiration, haughtiness to holiness, selfishness to service; from individualism to union, to join with the Soul of Souls, the Infinite One.

Allan S. Maller, CCAR, Mishkan T'filah

On Spirits' Wings בָּנְפֵּל רוֹתַ

בוֿן-אַנֿם:

יַלְה לְמַעָלֵה עַלֵה (3x) בַּן-אַרָם, עַלֵה לְמַעַלֵּה עַלֵה!

בִּי כֹח עַז לְךּ, יֵשׁ לְךָ כַּנְפֵי רוּחַ (zx), כַּנְפֵי נְשָׁרִים אַבִּירִים!

אַל הְכַּחֵשׁ בָּם: פֶּן יְכַּחָשׁוּ לְךּ, דְרוֹשׁ אוֹתָם, דְרוֹשׁ בֶּן-אַדָם, וְיִמֵּצְאוּ לְךָ מִיַד!

Ben-A-dam:

A-lei l'ma-la, a-lei, (3x) Ben A-dam, a-lei l'ma-la, a-lei!

Ki ko-ach az l'cha, Yesh l'cha kan-fei ru -ach (2x), kan-fei n'sha-rim a-bi-rim!

Al t'ka-hesh bam: pen y'ka-ha-shu l'cha, D'rosh o-tam, d'rosh Ben A-dam, v'yi-matz-u l'cha mi-yad!

Raise yourself up, O Son of Man, arise! You have been blessed with great strength, with Spirits' Wings, to soar, majestic as an eagle! Do not forsake your wings – lest they lose sight of you! Reach for your wings – and they will find you!

Words: Rav Kook; Music: Avigail Uziel-Amar; English Translation: AF

Pandemic

What if you thought of it as the Jews consider the Sabbath - the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now, on trying to make the world different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your soul has become still, reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.

(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives are in one another's hands. Surely that has come clear.

Do not reach out your hands. Reach out your heart. Reach out your words. Reach out all the tendrils of compassion that move, invisibly, where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love for better or for worse, in sickness and in health, so long as we all shall live.

> Rev Lynn Ungar, UUC March 11, 2020

The Great Aleinu עַלִינוּ הַגַּדוֹל

עָלֵינוּ לְשַׁבֵּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכּּל, לָתֵת גְּדָלָה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית.
שׁהוּא נוֹטֶה שָׁמַיִם וְיֹסֵד אָרֶץ, וּמוֹשַׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל,
וּשְׁכִינַת עֻזּוֹ בְּגָבְהֵי מְרוֹמִים, הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵין עוֹד.
וַאֲנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים,
הקדוֹשׁ ברוּך הוּא.

A-lei-nu l'sha-bei-aḥ la-A-don Ha-Kol, la-teit g'du-la l'Yo-tzer B'rei-shit. She-hu no-teh sha-ma-yim v'yo-sed a-retz, u-mo-shav y'ka-ro ba-sha-ma-yim mi-ma-al, u-sh'chi-nat u-zo b'gav-hei m'ro-mim, hu E-lo-hei-nu, ein od.

Va-a-nah-nu ko-rim, u-mish-ta-ha-vim u-mo-dim, lif-nei Me-lech, Mal-chei Ha-M'la-chim, Ha-Ka-dosh Ba-ruch Hu.

Let us praise the Sovereign of the Universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator of All: who spread out the Heavens and contracted the matter that became Earth; who dwells throughout the Universe and whose Divine Presence is felt everywhere; the One on High is everything

Mindful of this privilege, we lower our heads in humility and bow in awe and thanksgiving before the Holy and Blessed One, Sovereign over All!

We pray with all our hearts: let violence be gone; let human evil give way to goodness, let war, destruction and pain come to an end, and hunger be no more. Then all at last shall live in freedom.

O Source of life, may we, created in Your image, embrace one another in friendship and joy. May all become one family and Your compassion be established throughout the earth. Then the word of Your prophet will be fulfilled: "The Eternal One shall reign for ever and ever!"

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ּוְנֶאֲמַר, וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶךְ עַל כָּל הָאָרֶץ, בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֶחָר, וּשִמוֹ אֲחַר:

V'ne-e-mar v'ha-ya A-do-nai l'Me-lech al kawl ha-a-retz, ba-yom ha-hu y'hi-yeh A-do-nai E-had, u-Sh'mo E-had.

For it is has been told: "The Eternal One shall reign over all the earth. And on that day, O One-That-Is-All, You shall be One and Only One!"

Remembrances זְּכְרוֹנוֹת

Meditation Before Kaddish

When we are dead, and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity.

Let is not be said that life was good to us, but rather that we were good to life.

CCAR, Mishkan T'filah for the House of Mourning

There Are Stars Up Above לֵשׁ כּוֹכָבִים

יִ**שׁ** כּוֹכָבִים שֶׁאוֹרָם מַגִּיעַ אַרְצָה רַק כַּאַשֶּר הֵם עַצְמַם אַבִדוּ וְאֵינַם.

יֵשׁ אַנָשִים שָׁזִיו זְכְרָם מֵאִיר בַּאַשֵר הֵם עַצִמַם יוֹתֵר בִּתּוֹכֵנוּ.

אוֹרוֹת אֵלֶה הַמַּבְהִיקִים בְּחֶשְׁכַּת הַלֵּיל. הַם שַׁמַרִאִים לְאַדָם אֵת אוֹרוֹת הַדֵּרַך.

Yesh ko-cha-vim she-o-ram ma-gi-a ar-tzah. Rak ka-a-sher heim atz-mam av-du v'ei-nam.

Yesh a-na-shim sha-ziv zich-ram mei-ir. Ka-a-sher heim atz-mam ei-nam od b'to-chei-nu.

O-rot ei-leh ha-mav-hi-kim b'hesh-kat ha-la-yil. Hem, hem, she-ma-rim la-a-dam et ha-de-rech.

There are stars up above, so far away we only see their light long, long after the star itself is gone.

And so it is with people that we loved: their memories keep shining ever brightly, though their time with us is done.

But the stars that light up the darkest night, these are the lights that guide us.
As we live our days, these are the ways we remember.

Hebrew Words: Hannah Senesh. English Words and Melody: Jeff Klepper

Evening Service

יִּתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדִּשׁ שְׁמֵה רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵה, וְיַמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵה בְּחַיֵּיכוֹן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוֹן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִוְמַן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יָהֵא שְׁמֵה רַבָּא מְבָרַך לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵה דְּקָדְשָׁא בְּרִיךְ הוּא לְעֵלָּא מִבָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא, תִּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא, דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעַלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אַבֵּון.

עשֶׁה שָׁלוֹם בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וָאָמִרוּ אַמֵּזָ.

Yit-ga-dal v'yit-ka-dash Sh'mei Ra-ba. B'al-ma di-v'ra chi-r'u-tei, v'yam-lich Mal-chu-tei b'cha-yei-chon u-v'yo-mei-chon u-v'cha-yei d'chol beit Yis-ra-el, ba-a-ga-la u-vi-z'man ka-riv, v'i-m'ru: A-men.

Y'hei Sh'mei Ra-ba m'va-rach l'o-lam u-l'al-mei al-ma-ya.

Yit-ba-rach v'yish-ta-bach v'yit-pa-ar v'yit-ro-mam v'yit-na-sei v'yit-ha-dar v'yit-a-leh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei d'Ku-d'sha b'rich Hu, l'ei-la min kawl bir-cha-ta v'shi-ra-ta, tush-b'cha-ta v'ne-che-ma-ta, da-a-mi-ran b'al-ma, v'i-m'ru: A-men.

Y'hei sh'la-ma Ra-ba min sh'ma-ya vḥa-yim a-lei-nu v'al kawl Yis-ra-el, v'i-m'ru: A-men.

O-seh sha-lom bim-ro-mav hu ya-a-seh sha-lom a-lei-nu v'al kawl Yis-ra-el, v'i-m'ru: A-men.

How can we give thanks when we remember Treblinka? Only silence speaks loudly enough for our millions who were marched into the abyss.

We have been where we did not find You, O Hidden One! Yet even there, even there, our people sang:

אני מעמין - Ani Ma-amin: I believe in redemption. And they sang again:

וועג פינמאָל, אַז דו גייםט דעם לעצטן וועג Never say you walk the final road!

And even then, this deathless people was renewing itself, its life.

Whose faith is equal to this people's? Whose will to live? The storm ends. In the sky, a rainbow signals hope and new life. Again, and yet again, there is a song to sing.

CCAR, Gates of Prayer

Shelter Us הַשָּׁכִּיבֵנוּ

הַשְׁבִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ מַלְכֵּנוּ לְחַיִּים, וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סָכַּת שְׁלוֹמֶךְ.

Hash-ki-vei-nu A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu, l'shalom. V'ha-a-mi-dei-nu Mal-kei-nu, l'chaim. U-fros a-lei-nu Su-kat Sh'lo-me-cha, Amen.

Shelter us beneath your wings, O Adonai.

Guard us from all harmful things, O Adonai.

Keep us safe throughout the night 'til we wake with morning's light.

Teach us God, wrong from right, Amen.

Words: Traditional; Music: Steve Brodsky, L. Jonas, Yoshi Zweiback

Evening Service

We are not so arrogant as to pretend that the trial of our lives does not reveal our flaws. We know ourselves, in this moment of prayer, to have failed the ones we love and the other: the stranger, again and again. We know how often we did not bring to the surface the hidden goodness within. Where we have achieved, we are grateful; where we have failed, we ask forgiveness. Remember how exposed we are to the chances and terrors of life. We were afraid. We sometimes chose to fail. And we ask: Turn our thoughts from the hurt to its remedy. Free us of the torments of guilt.

Forgiven, we shall then forgive others.
Limited, we shall learn to understand our limitations.
Imperfect, we shall learn to understand our imperfections.
Failing, we shall learn to understand failure.
Renewed and encouraged,
we shall strive to be like
those who came before us:
human.
Sinners sometimes, yet a blessing!

CCAR, Gates of Repentance, adapted

Benediction of the Ancient Priesthood לְבֶּרֶכְן

Then the Priests blessed the entire congregation of Israel arrayed before them:

May the Eternal One bless you!

May the light of God's presence shine upon you and be good to you!

May the Eternal look upon you and grant you Shalom: Peace!

Numbers 8:24-26