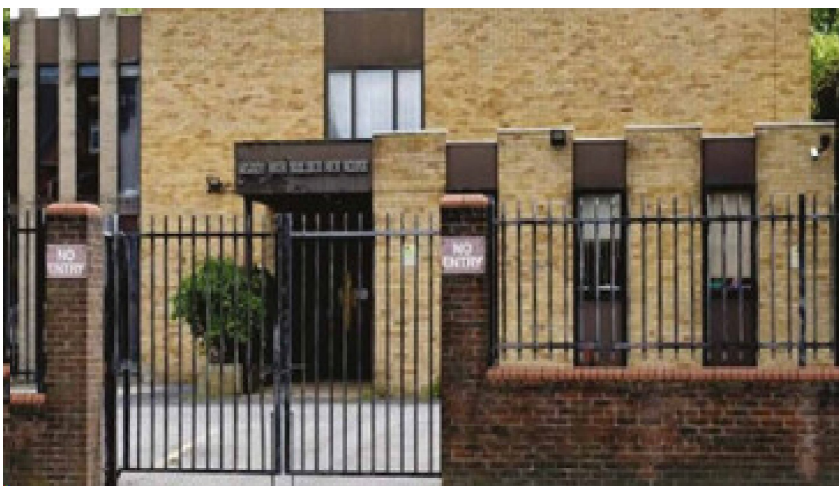


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On the Deconsecration of Synagogues

Despite the migratory nature of the Jewish community it has been difficult to find much material on the deconsecration of synagogues. Historically, our places of worship have tended to be temporary dwellings, (with the notable exception of the Temple) so we do not usually imbue the fabric of our buildings with any spiritual worth. Judaism doesn't set much store by holiness of space, but values holy time instead.

Like the *Mishkan*, the movable Sanctuary that the Israelites took on their travels, Jewish communities have built synagogues wherever they settled, and when the community moved on, they would take the only things that hold true value and holiness in it; the *Sifrei Torah*.

Therefore there is no service designed to deconsecrate a building. However, because we would like to acknowledge that this building holds many memories, we will mark the closing of this chapter in our community's history with a short *Shacharit* service, the solemn removal of our Scrolls and switching of our *Ner Tamid* as a farewell to this building which has served us so well, and to enable us to look forward to our future.

We recognise the many, many people whose efforts made possible the establishment of this community and the building of this synagogue to be a place of learning, teaching, worship and gathering together. We remember them all at this poignant time. At the same time we look forward confidently to a future full of exciting opportunities.

MORNING SERVICE שחרית

How good are your tents, O
Jacob, your homes, O Israel!

מה־טֹבוֹ אֹהֲלֶיךָ, יַעֲקֹב,
מִשְׁכְּנֹתֶיךָ, יִשְׂרָאֵל!

Welcome

Rabbi Kathleen de Magtige-Middleton

Who may ascend the mountain
of the Eternal One? Who may
stand in God's holy place?
Those who have clean hands
and pure hearts, who do not
speak with malice, who do not
swear deceitfully. They shall
receive blessings from the
Eternal One, justice from the
God of their salvation. Such is
the destiny of those who seek
You, who seek Your presence,
O God of Jacob.

מִי־יַעֲלֶה בְּהַר יי
וּמִי־יָקוּם בְּמִקְוֵם קֹדֶשׁ:
נָקִי בַּפִּים וּבֵר לֵב
אֲשֶׁר לֹא־נִשְׂא לִשְׂוֹא נִפְשִׁי
וְלֹא נִשְׁבַּע לְמַרְמָה:
יֵשֵׁא בְּרַכָּה מֵאֵת יי
וְצִדְקָה מֵאֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעוֹ:
זֶה דֹּר דֹּרֶשׁיוֹ מִבְּקָשֵׁי כְּנִיךָ
יַעֲקֹב סֵלָה:

From Psalm 24

In each age we receive and transmit Torah.
At each moment we are addressed by the World.
In each age we are challenged by our ancient Teaching.
At each moment we stand face to Face with Truth.
In each age we add our wisdom to that which has gone before.

At each moment the knowing heart is filled with wonder.
In each age the children of Torah become its builders
and seek to set the world firm on a foundation of Truth.

Rabbi Rami Shapiro

שְׁמַע וּבְרָכוּתֶיהָ The Shema and its Benedictions

בְּרָכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ.
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

Bless the Living God whom we are called to Bless.
Blessed is the Living God whom we are called to bless forever and ever.

We praise You, Eternal One, our God, Sovereign of the universe, Maker of light and Creator of darkness, Author of peace and Creator of all things. All things praise You, all things honour You, and all say: 'None is holy like the Eternal One.' You give light to the earth and all who live on it, and in Your goodness You renew creation continually, day by day. How manifold are Your works, O God! With wisdom have You made them all; the world is full of Your creations.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, יוֹצֵר אוֹר וּבוֹרֵא
חֹשֶׁךְ, עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם וּבוֹרֵא
אֶת־הַכֹּל. הַכֹּל יוֹדוּךָ וְהַכֹּל
יִשְׁבְּחוּךָ, וְהַכֹּל יֵאמְרוּ אֵין
קָדוֹשׁ כִּי. הַמְּאִיר לְעוֹלָם
כָּלוֹ וְלִיּוֹשְׁבָיו וּבִטְוֵבוֹ מְחַדֵּשׁ
בְּכָל־יוֹם תְּמִיד מַעֲשֶׂה
בְּרִאשִׁית. מָה רַבּוֹ מַעֲשֵׂיךָ,
יְיָ: כָּל־ם בְּחֻכְמָה עֲשִׂיתָ,
מְלֵאָה הָאָרֶץ קִנְיָיִךְ.

You are the only Sovereign exalted from the beginning of time, who has been worshipped, praised and glorified since days of old.

Everlasting God, in Your great mercy, have mercy upon us, God of our strength, Rock of our protection, Shield of our safety, our true Protector. Blessed are You, O God, Creator of light.

With deep love You have loved us, and with great and overflowing tenderness You have taken pity on us. Our Parent and our Sovereign show us compassion because of Your own greatness, and because of our ancestors who trusted in You, for You taught them rules to live by, to do Your will with their whole heart. Let our eyes see the light of Your teaching and our hearts embrace Your commands. Give us integrity to love You and fear You. So shall we never lose our self-respect, or be put to shame, for You are the power which works to save us. You chose us from all peoples and tongues,

הַמֶּלֶךְ הַמְרוֹמֵם לְבָדּוֹ מֵאָז,
הַמְשֻׁבָּח וְהַמְפָּאָר
וְהַמְתְּנֵשָׁא מִיָּמֹת עוֹלָם.

אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם, בְּרַחֲמֶיךָ
הַרְבִּים רַחֵם עָלֵינוּ אֲדוֹן
עֲזֹנוּ צוּר מְשַׁגְּבֵנוּ, מֶגֶן
יִשְׁעֵנוּ מְשֹׁגֵב בַּעֲדֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ
אַתָּה יְיָ, יוֹצֵר הַמְּאוֹרוֹת.

אַהֲבָה רַבָּה אָהַבְתָּנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
חֲמִלָה גְּדוֹלָה וִיתְרָה חֲמִלָּה
עָלֵינוּ. אָבִינוּ מְלַכְנוּ, בַּעֲבוּר
שְׁמֶךָ הַגָּדוֹל וּבַעֲבוּר אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
שֶׁבִטְחוּ בְּךָ וַתִּלְמְדֵם חֻקֵּי חַיִּים
לַעֲשׂוֹת רְצוֹנְךָ בְּלִבֵּב שָׁלֵם, כֵּן
תִּחַנְּנוּ.

הָאֵר עֵינֵינוּ בְּתוֹרָתְךָ, וְדַבֵּק
לִפְנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתֶיךָ, וַיְחַד לְבָבֵנו
לְאַהֲבָה וּלְיִרְאָה אֶת־שְׁמֶךָ.
לִמְעַן לֹא נִבּוֹשׁ וְלֹא נִפְלֵם.
כִּי אֵל פּוֹעֵל יִשׁוּעוֹת אַתָּה, וּבָנוּ
בְּחִרָתְךָ מִכָּל־עַם וְלִשׁוֹן.

and in love drew us near to Your own greatness - to honour You, to declare Your unity, and to love You. Blessed are You O God, You choose Your people Israel in love.

וְקִרְבָּתֵנוּ מִלִּפְנֵי שְׁמֶךָ
הַגָּדוֹל בְּאַהֲבָה, לְהוֹדוֹת לְךָ
וּלְיַחְדְּךָ וּלְאַהֲבָה אֶת־שְׁמֶךָ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, הַבוֹחֵר בְּעַמּוֹ
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאַהֲבָה.

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד

Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God,
the Eternal God is One.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מְלֻכּוֹתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד

We praise God, whose wonderful rule is for ever and ever.

You shall love the Eternal One, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might. Let these words, which I command you this day, be always in your heart. Teach them carefully to your children; speak of them in your home and on your way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign upon your hand; let them be like signs between your eyes; write them on the doorposts of your house, and on your gates.

וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ
בְּכָל־לִבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ
וּבְכָל־מְאֹדְךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְּךָ הַיּוֹם
עַל־לִבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ
וְדִבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ
וּבְלֻכְתְּךָ בְּדֶרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ
וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְקָשַׁרְתָּם לְאוֹת
עַל־יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְטָטְפֹת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ:
וְכָתַבְתָּם עַל־מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ
וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ:

This will happen if you listen carefully to My commands which I give you today, to love the Eternal One Your God and to serve God with all your heart and all your soul. I shall then give your land rain at the right time, the autumn rain and the spring rain, so that you can harvest your corn, your wine and your oil. I shall also give grass in your fields to your cattle and you will eat and be full.

Take care that your heart is not deceived into straying, obeying other gods and worshipping them. The anger of God will then blaze out against you. God will shut up the heaven. There will be no rain. The land will not produce, and you will quickly be destroyed from the good land which the Eternal One gives you.

So put these words of Mine in your heart and in your soul, and hold fast to them as a sign upon your hand and as reminders between your eyes. Repeat them to your children, and talk about them when you sit in your home, and when you walk in the street when you lie down and when you rise up. Write them on the doorposts of your home and on your gates. Then you and your children may live long on the good land that God promised to give your ancestors as long as there is a sky over the earth.

וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁמַעַתְּ אֶת־מִצְוֹתַי אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְךָ
 אֶתְכֶם הַיּוֹם לְאַהֲבָה אֶת־יְהוָה
 אֱלֹהֵיכֶם וּלְעֲבֹדוֹ בְּכָל־לִבְבְּכֶם
 וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁכֶם וּנְתַתִּי
 מִטֶּר־אֶרְצְכֶם בְּעֵתוֹ יוֹרֵה
 וּמִלְקוֹשׁ וְאֶסְפֹּת דֶגְגֶּךָ וְתִירְשֶׁךָ
 וַיִּצְהָרְךָ וּנְתַתִּי עֵשֶׂב בְּשֹׂדֶךָ
 לְבֹהֶמֶתְךָ וְאָכְלָתָּ וּשְׂבַעְתָּ:
 הִשְׁמְרוּ לָכֶם פֶּן־יִפְתָּה לְבַבְכֶם
 וְסִרְתֶּם וְעֲבַדְתֶּם אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים
 וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוִיתֶם לָהֶם וְחָרָה
 אַף־יְהוָה בָּכֶם וְעָצַר
 אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה מִטֶּר
 וְהָאֲדָמָה לֹא תִתֵּן אֶת־יְבוּלָהּ
 וְאֲבַדְתֶּם מִהָרָה מֵעַל הָאָרֶץ
 הַטֹּבָה אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה נָתַן לָכֶם:
 וְשָׁמַתֶּם אֶת־דְּבָרֵי אֱלֹהֶי
 עַל־לִבְבְּכֶם וְעַל־נַפְשְׁכֶם
 וְקִשְׁרֹתֶם אֹתָם לְאוֹת עַל־יְדֵיכֶם
 וְהָיוּ לְטוֹטֹפֶת בֵּין עֵינֵיכֶם:
 וּלְמַדְתֶּם אֹתָם אֶת־בְּנֵיכֶם
 לְדַבֵּר בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ
 וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַּדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ:
 וּכְתַבְתֶּם עַל־מְזוּזוֹת בֵּיתְךָ
 וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ לְמַעַן יִרְבּוּ יְמִיכֶם
 וַיְמֵי בְנֵיכֶם עַל הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר
 נִשְׁבַּע יְהוָה לְאַבְרָהָם לֵאמֹר
 לָהֶם כִּי־יִמֵּי הַשָּׁמַיִם עַל־הָאָרֶץ:

The Eternal One said to Moses:
 Speak to the people of Israel and
 instruct them that through the ages
 they shall make fringes for the
 corners of their clothes; let them
 attach a blue thread to the fringe on
 each corner. That will be your
 fringe; when you see it, remember
 all the commandments of the
 Eternal One and observe them so
 that you will not wander and lust
 after the desires of your heart and
 your eyes.

Be mindful of all My
 commandments, and do them: so
 shall you be consecrated to your
 God. I, the Eternal One, am your
 God who led you out of Egypt to be
 your God: I, the Eternal One, am
 your God.

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:
 דַּבֵּר אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמַרְתָּ
 אֲלֵהֶם וַעֲשׂוּ לָהֶם צִיצִית
 עַל־כַּנְפֵי בְגָדֵיהֶם לְדֶרֶתָם וְנָתַנּוּ
 עַל־צִיצִית הַכָּנָף פֶּתִיל תְּכֵלֶת:
 וְהָיָה לָכֶם לְצִיצִית וּרְאִיתֶם
 אֹתוֹ וּזְכַרְתֶּם אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹת
 יְהוָה וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְלֹא תִתּוּרוּ
 אַחֲרֵי לְבַבְכֶּם וְאַחֲרֵי עֵינֵיכֶם
 אֲשֶׁר־אֲתֶם זֵנִים אַחֲרֵיהֶם:

לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם
 אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתַי וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים
 לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם
 אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ
 מִצְרַיִם לְהִיּוֹת לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים
 אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

True and beautiful and good;
 sound, established and enduring
 are these words, now and forever.
 True it is, Eternal One, that You are
 our Sovereign God and Redeemer,
 the strength of Jacob, the defender
 of our safety. You endure from
 generation to generation and Your

אֱמֶת וְיָצִיב וְקִיָּם וּמִקְבֵּל וְטוֹב
 הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
 אֱמֶת אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם מְלַכְנוּ, צוּר
 יַעֲקֹב, מִגֵּן יִשְׁעֵנוּ, לְדֹר וָדֹר הוּא
 קִיָּם, וּמְלֹכוּתוֹ וְאַמּוֹנּוֹתוֹ לְעַד
 קִיָּמָת.

rule and Your faithfulness stand firm forever. It is true that You are the Eternal One our God and the God of our ancestors, who rescues and delivers us. So were You ever known, there is no God beside You.

It is You who always helped our ancestors. In every generation You were the Shield and Saviour for them and their children after them. Happy indeed are they who hear Your commands and set Your teaching and Your word upon their heart.

We have known You always as our Helper and our Liberator; there is no God but You. Truly You are first and You are last; we have no Redeemer but You. You redeemed us from Egypt and freed us from the house of bondage. Then, with great joy, Moses, Miriam and all Israel together sang to You this song:

אֱמֶת שְׁאַתָּה הוּא יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ
וְאַלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, פִּוְדָנוּ
וּמַצִּילֵנוּ מֵעוֹלָם הוּא שְׁמֶךָ,
אֵין אֱלֹהִים זִוְלָתְךָ.

עֲזַרְתָּ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֶתָּה הוּא
מֵעוֹלָם, מִגֵּן וּמוֹשִׁיעַ לָהֶם
לְבִנֵיהֶם אַחֲרֵיהֶם בְּכָל דּוֹר
וְדוֹר. אֲשֶׁרִי אִישׁ שִׁשְׁמַע
לְמִצְוֹתֶיךָ, וְתוֹרָתְךָ וְדְבָרְךָ
יֵשִׁים עַל לִבּוֹ.

אֱמֶת אֶתָּה הוּא רִאשׁוֹן
וְאַתָּה הוּא אַחֲרוֹן,
וּמִבִּלְעָדֶיךָ אֵין לָנוּ מֶלֶךְ
גּוֹאֵל וּמוֹשִׁיעַ. מִמִּצְרַיִם
גָּאֲלָתָנוּ, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, וּמִבֵּית
עֲבָדִים פָּדִיתָנוּ. מֹשֶׁה וּמָרְיָם
וּבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לְךָ עָנוּ שִׁירָה
בְּשִׂמְחָה רַבָּה, וְאָמְרוּ כָּלָם:

Who is like You, Eternal One,
among the gods people
worship? Who is like You,
glorious in holiness, awesome in
splendour, doing wonders?

A new song the redeemed sang
to Your name at the shore of the
sea; with one accord, they gave
thanks and proclaimed Your
sovereignty: The Eternal God
shall reign for ever and ever!

מִי־כַמְלָכָה בָּאֱלֹהִים יְהוָה?
מִי־כַמְלָכָה, נֶאֱדָר בְּקֹדֶשׁ,
נוֹרָא תְהִלָּתוֹ, עֲשֵׂה פִלָּא?
שִׁירָה חֲדָשָׁה שִׁבְחוּ גְאוּלָּיִם
לְשִׁמְךָ עַל־שִׁפְתַּי הָיִם; יַחַד
בְּלֵם הוֹדוּ וְהִמְלִיכוּ וְאָמְרוּ:
יְהוָה יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד!

O Rock of Israel, sustain Your
people Israel. For You, God of
the hosts of heaven, are our
Redeemer, the Holy One of
Israel.

We praise You, O God,
Redeemer of Israel.

צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל, קוֹמָה בְּעֶזְרֶךָ
יִשְׂרָאֵל. גְּאֻלָּנוּ יְיָ צַבָּאוֹת
שְׁמוֹ, קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, גֹּאֲלֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Tefillah תפילה

אֲדֹנָי שְׁפָתַי תִּפְתָּח, וּפִי יַגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

Eternal God, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare Your praise.

We praise You, Eternal One,
our God and God of our
ancestors, Shield of Abraham
and Protector of Sarah, Source of
eternal life, the holy God.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי
אֲבוֹתֵינוּ וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ, מֶגֶן אַבְרָהָם
וּפוֹקֵד שָׂרָה, מְחַיֶּה מֵתִים, הָאֵל
הַקָּדוֹשׁ.

Give us understanding to know Your ways, consecrate our hearts to revere You, forgive us, and make us worthy of redemption. Keep us far from sorrow, bestow blessing on the earth, raise high the banner of freedom for the oppressed, and guide us in Your ways of justice. Let those who go astray return to You, may the righteous rejoice in the building of Your City and behold the dawn of Your deliverance; in Your compassion may the longings of our hearts come true.

Our God and God of our ancestors, may Your regard and concern for us and our ancestors, for the time of our redemption, for Jerusalem the city of Your holiness, and for all Your people, the family of Israel, be close to You and be pleasing to You.

הַבִּנְנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ,

לְדַעַת דְּרָכֶיךָ,

וּמוֹל אֶת-לִבֵּנוּ לִירְאָתְךָ,

וְתִסְלַח לָנוּ לְהִיּוֹת גְּאוּלִּים,

וְרַחֲקֵנוּ מִמָּכָאוֹב,

וְתֵן בְּרָכָה עַל פְּנֵי הָאָדָמָה,

וְשֵׂא נֶס לְפָדוֹת עֲשׂוּקִים,

וְהַדְרִיכֵנוּ בְּמִשְׁפָּטֶי צְדָקָה.

וְהַתוֹעִים אֵלֶיךָ יָשׁוּבוּ,

וְיִשְׁמְחוּ צְדִיקִים בְּבִגְדֵי עִירָךְ,

וּבְצִמְחַת קֶרֶן יִשׁוּעָתְךָ, וּמִלֵּא

בְּרַחֲמֶיךָ כָּל-מִשְׁאָלוֹת לִבֵּנוּ.

אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ

וְאַמּוֹתֵינוּ, יַעֲלֶה וְיָבֵא, וְיַגִּיעַ,

וְיִרְאֶה, וְיִרְצֶה, וְיִשְׁמַע, וְיִפְקֹד,

וְיִזְכֹּר זְכוֹרֹנוּ וּפְקוּדוֹנֵנוּ,

וְזִכְרוֹן אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, וְזִכְרוֹן מְשִׁיחַ

בֶּן דָּוִד עֲבָדְךָ, וְזִכְרוֹן יְרוּשָׁלַיִם

עִיר קֹדֶשְׁךָ,

Favour us all with freedom and goodness, with grace, love and mercy, on this day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Our Living God, remember us for good. *Amen.*

Bring us Your blessing. *Amen.*

And save us for a good life. *Amen*

Spare us and be kind to us according to Your promise of deliverance and mercy. Our eyes are turned towards You, for You are a Sovereign of mercy and compassion.

Hear our voice, our Living God, whom alone we worship in reverence, Source of goodness, to whom our thanks are due.

Blessed are You, O God, who blesses Your people Israel with peace.

וְזָכְרוֹן כָּל עַמֶּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
לְפָנֶיךָ, לְפָלִיטָה, לְטוֹבָה, לְחֵן
וּלְחַסֵּד וּלְרַחֲמִים, לְחַיִּים וּלְשָׁלוֹם,
בְּיוֹם חַג הַמַּצּוֹת הַזֶּה.

זָכְרֵנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בּוֹ לְטוֹבָה,
אָמֵן.

וּפָקֵדְנוּ בּוֹ לְבָרָכָה, **אָמֵן.**
וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ בּוֹ לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים. **אָמֵן.**
וּבְדִבְרֵי יְשׁוּעָה וְרַחֲמִים, חוּס
וְחַנּוּן, כִּי אֱלֹהֶיךָ עֵינֵינוּ, כִּי אֵל
מִלֵּךְ חַנוּן וְרַחוּם אַתָּה.

שְׁמַע קוֹלֵנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, שְׁאוֹתֶךָ
לְבִדְךָ בִּירְאָה נֶעֱבֹד,
הַטוֹב שְׁמֶךָ וְלֶךְ נֶאֱדָה לְהוֹדוֹת.
בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, הַמְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמּוֹ
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּשָׁלוֹם.

Silent Meditation

My God, keep my tongue from causing harm and my lips from telling lies. Let me be silent if people curse me, my soul still humble and at peace with all. Open my heart to Your teaching, and give me the will to practise it. May the plans and schemes of those who seek my harm come to nothing. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O God, my Rock and my Redeemer.

אֱלֹהִי, נִצּוֹר לְשׁוֹנִי מִרַע,
וּשְׁפָתִי מִדִּבֵּר מִרָמָה,
וְלִמְקַלְלֵי נַפְשִׁי תִדָּם, וְנַפְשִׁי
כְּעֶפֶר לִבָּל תִּהְיֶה.
פָּתַח לִבִּי בְּתוֹרָתְךָ, וְאַחֲרֵי
מִצְוֹתֶיךָ תִּרְדּוּף נַפְשִׁי.
וְכָל הַקָּמִים עָלַי לְרָעָה,
מִהֲרָה הִפֵּר עֲצָתָם וְקִלְקַל
מַחֲשַׁבְתָּם.
יִהְיוּ לְרֹצוֹן אָמְרֵי פִי וְהִגִּינוּ
לִבִּי לִפְנֶיךָ, יְיָ צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

May God who gives us peace, grant peace to us, to all Israel, and to all humanity.

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא
יַעֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-
יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל-בְּנֵי-אָדָם
וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

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Hallel הלל

Blessed are You, Our Living God, Sovereign of the universe, whose commandments make us holy, and who commands us to read the Hallel, the psalms of joy.

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מִלֵּךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו,
וְצִוָּנוּ לְקַרֵּא אֶת-הַהִלֵּל:

Praise God!

Servants of the Eternal,
praise the name of the Eternal.
May the name of the Eternal
be blessed, now and evermore.
From the rising of the sun to
its setting, praised be the
name of the Eternal.

High above all the nations is
the Almighty, whose glory is
beyond the heavens.

Who is like our Living God,
who lives so far beyond,
who dwells so close within,
to watch the heavens and the
earth?

Who raises the weak from the
dust, lifts the poor from the
dirt, to set them with the
noble, with the noble of God's
people.

Who gives the childless wife a
home as the happy mother of
children.

Praise God!

Psalms 113

הַלְלוּ־יָהּ הַלְלוּ עַבְדֵי יְיָ
הַלְלוּ אֶת־שֵׁם יְיָ
יְהִי שֵׁם יְיָ מְבָרָךְ
מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם:
מִמִּזְרַח־שֶׁמֶשׁ עַד־מְבֹאוֹ
מִזְחָל שֵׁם יְיָ
רָם עַל־כָּל־גּוֹיִם יְיָ
עַל הַשָּׁמַיִם כְּבוֹדוֹ:
מִי כִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ הַמְגַבִּיהִי לַשָּׁבֶת:
הַמְשַׁפִּילִי לָרְאוֹת
בַּשָּׁמַיִם וּבָאָרֶץ:
מְקִימֵי מַעַפֵּר דָּל
מַאֲשֵׁפֶת יָרִים אָבוֹן:
לְהוֹשִׁיבֵי עַם־נְדִיבִים
עַם נְדִיבֵי עַמּוֹ:
מוֹשִׁיבֵי עֵקֶרֶת הַבַּיִת
אֶם־הַבָּנִים שְׂמִיחָה הַלְלוּ־יָהּ:

When Israel came out of Egypt, the family of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue, then Judah became God's holy place, Israel were those God ruled. The sea saw it and fled, Jordan turned back its course; the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young lambs.

Sea, why do you run away? Jordan, why turn back your course? Mountains, why do you skip like rams, hills, like lambs?

Earth, tremble before the Mighty One, before the God of Jacob, who turns the rock into a pool, the flint into a spring of water.

Psalm 114

בְּצֵאת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמִּצְרַיִם
בֵּית יַעֲקֹב מַעַם לַעֲזָ:
הִזְתָּה יְהוּדָה לְקֹדֶשׁ
יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִשְׁלֹתָיו:
הַיָּם רָאָה וַיָּנֹס
הַיַּרְדֵּן יָסַב לְאַחֹר:
הַהָרִים רָקְדּוּ כְּאַיִלִּים
גְּבְעוֹת כְּבָנִי-צֹאן:
מִה־לֵּךְ הָיָם כִּי תָנוּס
הַיַּרְדֵּן תָּסַב לְאַחֹר:
הַהָרִים תִּרְקְדּוּ כְּאַיִלִּים
גְּבְעוֹת כְּבָנִי-צֹאן:
מִלִּפְנֵי אֲדוֹן חוֹלֵי אֶרֶץ
מִלִּפְנֵי אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב:
הִדְפָּכִי הַצּוּר אֲגַם-מַיִם
חִלְמִישׁ לְמַעֲיֵנו-מַיִם:

God remembers us to bless us:
blessing the house of Israel,
blessing the house of Aaron,
blessing all Godfearing people,
small and great alike!

May the Eternal increase you,
you and your children. You
are blessed by God, by the
Maker of heaven and earth -
heaven is the heaven of God,
who gave the earth for human
beings.

The dead do not praise God,
nor all who go down into
silence, but we bless God now
and for evermore.

Praise God!

From Psalm 115

Praise the Creator, all nations,
glorify God, all peoples!
Whose love for us is strong,
whose strength is eternal.

Praise God.

Psalm 117

יְיָ זָכְרָנוּ יְבָרֵךְ
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
יְבָרֵךְ אֶת־בֵּית אַהֲרֹן
יְבָרֵךְ יְרֵאֵי יְיָ הַקְּטָנִים
עִם־הַגְּדֹלִים
יִסַּף יְיָ עֲלֵיכֶם
עֲלֵיכֶם וְעַל־בְּנֵיכֶם
בְּרוּכִים אַתֶּם לַיְיָ
עֹשֶׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ
הַשָּׁמַיִם שָׁמַיִם לַיְיָ
וְהָאָרֶץ נָתַן לַבְּנֵי־אָדָם
לֹא־הַמֹּתִים יְהַלְלוּ־יָהּ
וְלֹא כָל־יֶרֶדִי דוֹמָה
וְאֶנְחֵנוּ נִבְרָךְ יָהּ
מִעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָהּ

הַלְלוּ אֶת־יְיָ כָּל־גּוֹיִם
שִׁבְּחוּהוּ כָּל־הָאֻמִּים
כִּי גָבַר עָלֵינוּ חֶסֶד
וְאֶמַת־יְיָ לְעוֹלָם הַלְלוּיָהּ

Give thanks to God who is good,
whose love is everlasting.
Let Israel say:
“whose love is everlasting.”

Let the house of Aaron now say:
“whose love is everlasting.”
Let all who fear God say:
“whose love is everlasting.”

I thank You, for You answered
me, it was You who saved me.
A stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone
itself.
Through God this came about,
this wonder to our eyes.
This is the day God has made,
let us be glad and rejoice on it.

God, save us!

God, grant us success!

הודו לַיְי בִּיטוֹב
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ:
לֵאמרוּ נָא יִשְׂרָאֵל
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ:
לֵאמרוּ נָא בֵּית־אֶהֱרֹן
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ:
לֵאמרוּ נָא יְרֵאֵי יְיָ
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ:

אוֹדֶךָ כִּי עֲנִיתָנִי
וַתִּהְיֶה־לִּי לִישׁוּעָה:
אֶבֶן מָאָסוּ הַבּוֹנִים
הָיְתָה לְרֹאשׁ פִּנֶּה:
מֵאֵת יְיָ הָיְתָה זֹאת
הִיא נִפְלְאוֹת בְּעֵינֵינוּ:
זֶה־הַיּוֹם עָשָׂה יְיָ
נִגִּילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בּוֹ:

אָנָּה יְיָ הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא
אָנָּה יְיָ הַצְלִיחָה נָא:

Blessed is the one who comes
in God's name, we bless you
from the house of God.

God is the Creator who gives
us light. Form the procession
with the branches up to the
horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I thank
You. My God, I praise You!

Give thanks to the Eternal who
is good, whose love is
everlasting.

Psalms 118

בָּרוּךְ הָבָא בְּשֵׁם יי
בִּרְכוּכֶם מִבֵּית יי
אֵל יי וַיָּאֵר לָנוּ
אֶסְרוּ־חַג בְּעַבְתֵּימֶם
עַד קִרְנוֹת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
אֵלֵי אֶתְּהָ וְאוֹדֶךָ
אֱלֹהֵי אֲרוֹמְמֶךָ
הוֹדוּ לֵי לֵי כִי־טוֹב
כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֲסִדוֹ

Torah reading for Chol Hamo'ed Pesach

Exodus 13:1-10

פָּרָק יג:א] וַיִּדְבֹּר יי אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: ב] קִדֵּשׁ־לִי כָל־בְּכוֹר פֶּטֶר
כָּל־רֶחֶם בְּבִנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאָדָם וּבַבְּהֵמָה לִי הוּא: ג] וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה
אֶל־הָעָם זָכוֹר אֶת־הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר יֵצְאתֶם מִמִּצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבָדִים
כִּי בַחֲזֶק יָד הוֹצִיא יי אֶתְכֶם מִזֶּה וְלֹא יֹאכַל חֶמֶץ: ד] הַיּוֹם אַתֶּם
יֹצְאִים בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָאֲבִיב: ה] וְהָיָה כִי־יִבְיֹאֵךְ יי אֶל־אֶרֶץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי וְהַחִתִּי
וְהָאֱמֹרִי וְהַחִוִּי וְהַיַּבֹּסִי אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לֵאבְרָתְךָ לֵתֵת לָךְ אֶרֶץ זָבַת
חֶלֶב וְדִבֵּשׁ וְעַבַדְתָּ אֶת־הָעַבְדָּה הַזֹּאת בַּחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה: ו] שִׁבַּעַת יָמִים
תֹּאכַל מִצֹּת וּבִיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי חֵג לֵי: ז] מִצּוֹת יֹאכַל אֶת שִׁבַּעַת הַיָּמִים
וְלֹא־יִרְאֶה לָךְ חֶמֶץ וְלֹא־יִרְאֶה לָךְ שְׂאֹר בְּכָל־גְּבֻלְךָ: ח] וְהַגַּדְתָּ
לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בָּעֶבֶר בֵּרַךְ הָיָה עֲשֵׂה יי לִי בְּצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרַיִם:
ט] וְהָיָה לָךְ לְאוֹת עַל־יָדְךָ וְלִזְכָּרוֹן בֵּין עַיִנֶיךָ לְמַעַן תִּהְיֶה תּוֹרַת יי
בְּפִיךָ כִּי בְיַד חֲזָקָה הוֹצֵאתָ יי מִמִּצְרַיִם: י] וְשִׁמַּרְתָּ אֶת־הַחֻקָּה הַזֹּאת
לְמוֹעֵדָה מִיָּמִים יְמִימָה:

13:1] The Eternal One spoke further to Moses, saying, 2] “Consecrate to Me every first-born; man and beast, the first issue of every womb among the Israelites is Mine.”

3] And Moses said to the people, “Remember this day, on which you went free from Egypt, the house of bondage, how the Eternal One freed you from it with a mighty hand: no leavened bread shall be eaten.

4] You go free on this day, in the month of Aviv. 5] So, when the Eternal One has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which God swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall observe in this month the following practice:

6] “Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival of the Eternal One. 7] Throughout the seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten; no leavened bread shall be found with you, and no leaven shall be found in all your territory. 8] And you shall explain to your child on that day, ‘It is because of what the Eternal One did for me when I went free from Egypt.’

9] “And this shall serve you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead - in order that the Teaching of the Eternal One may be in your mouth - that with a mighty hand the Eternal One freed you from Egypt. 10] You shall keep this institution at its set time from year to year.

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Aleinu עלינו

Let us now praise the
Sovereign of the universe and
proclaim the greatness of its
Creator, whose unity is our
mission to make known, whose
rule it is our task to make
effective.

We bow in awe and
thanksgiving before the
supreme Sovereign, the Holy
One, ever to be praised, who
spread out the heavens and
established the earth, whose
glory fills the highest heavens,
whose might extends
throughout all space, who alone
is our God, for no other exists,
who in truth is our Sovereign,
for there is none else; as it is
written: 'Know then this day
and take it to heart: the Eternal
One is God in the heavens
above and on the earth below;
there is no other.'

עֲלֵינוּ לְשַׁבַּח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל,
לְתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרָאשִׁית,
אֲשֶׁר שָׁם חָלַקְנוּ לְיַחַד
אֶת־שְׁמוֹ וְגוֹרְלָנוּ לְהַמְלִיךְ
מַלְכוּתוֹ.

וְאֶנְחָנוּ בּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים
וּמוֹדִים לִפְנֵי מֶלֶךְ מַלְכֵי
הַמַּלְכִּים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא,
שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֵה שָׁמַיִם וְיוֹסֵד אָרֶץ,
וּמוֹשֵׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל,
וְשׂוֹכֵנֵת עֶזוֹ בְּגִבְהֵי מְרוֹמַיִם.
הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֵין עוֹד. אָמֵת
מַלְכָּנוּ, אָפֶס זוּלָתוֹ, בְּכַתּוּב
בְּתוֹרָתוֹ: 'וַיַּדְעַת הַיּוֹם וְהַשַּׁבָּת
אֶל־לִבְבְּךָ, כִּי יְהוָה הוּא
הָאֱלֹהִים בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל וְעַל
הָאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת, אֵין עוֹד.'

And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power
And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind
And then both men and women will be gentle
And then both women and men will be strong
And then no person will be subject to another's will

And then all will be rich and free and varied
And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many
And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance
And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old
And then all will nourish the young
And then all will cherish life's creatures
And then all will live in harmony with each other and the Earth
And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

Judy Chicago in Kol Haneshamah Reconstructionist Prayer Book

Mourners' Kaddish קדיש יתום

Let us now praise important people, and our ancestors who begot us. Leaders of our community by their counsels, and by their knowledge of learning taught the community, wise and eloquent are their instructions: Such as found out and sung musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: fine people, furnished with ability, living peaceably in their habitations. All these were honoured in their generations. Some there are, that have left a name behind them, that their praises might be reported. These were compassionate people, whose righteousness has not been forgotten, their names live for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregation will sing forth their praise.

Adapted from Ben Sira chapter 44

Magnified and sanctified be the great name of the One by whose will the world was created. May God's rule become effective in your lives, and in the life of the whole House of Israel. May it be so soon, and let us say: *Amen*.

May God's great name be praised to all eternity.

Blessed and praised; glorified, exalted and extolled; lauded, honoured and acclaimed be the name of the Holy One, who is ever to be praised, though far above the eulogies and songs of praise and consolation that human lips can utter; and let us say: *Amen*.

May great peace descend from heaven, and abundant life be granted, to us and all Israel; and let us say: *Amen*.

May the Most High, Source of perfect peace, grant peace to us, to all Israel, and to all humanity, and let us say: *Amen*.

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדֵּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא
בְּעֻלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ,
וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ בְּחַיֵּינוּ
וּבְיוֹמֵינוּ וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית
יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּעֻגְלָא וּבְזֶמַּן קָרִיב,
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֵלַם
וּלְעֻלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא.

יִתְבָּרַךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאֵר
וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא, וְיִתְהַדָּר
וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ
דְּקוּדֻשָּׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא, לְעֵלָא
מִן-כָּל-בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁירָתָא,
תְּשַׁבְּחָתָא וְנִחְמָתָא דְאַמִּירָן
בְּעֻלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שָׁמַיָא
וְחַיִּים עָלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל,
וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן.

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

(The Congregation will sit)

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Concluding Song

Eternal God, who reigned before
Your will had caused the world to
be,
Already then You reigned supreme
In undisputed sovereignty.

אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מִלֶּךְ,
בְּטֶרֶם כָּל-יֵצִיר נִבְרָא,
לָעַת נַעֲשֶׂה בְּחִפְצוֹ כָּל,
אֲנִי מִלֶּךְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.

And when the universe has ceased,
You still will reign in majesty,
For as You were, so will You be
From now until eternity.

וְאַחֲרֵי כָכָלּוֹת הַכֹּל,
לִבְדּוֹ יִמְלֹךְ נֹרָא;
וְהוּא הָיָה וְהוּא הוֹדָה,
וְהוּא יִהְיֶה בְּתִפְאַרְתּוֹ.

And You are One, there is none else,
No equal standing at Your side,
Without beginning, without end,
All might and rule in You reside.

וְהוּא אֶחָד, וְאֵין שֵׁנִי,
לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ, לְהַחֲבִירָה,
בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית, בְּלִי תַכְלִית,
וְלוֹ הָעֵז וְהַמְשָׁרָה.

My living and redeeming God,
My shelter on a stormy day,
My banner and my refuge still,
My cup of comfort when I pray.

וְהוּא אֱלֹהִי, וְחִי גֹאֲלִי,
וְצוּר חֻבְלִי בְּעֵת צָרָה,
וְהוּא נְסִי וּמְנוּס לִי,
מִנֵּת כּוֹסֵי בַּיּוֹם אֶקְרָא.

Into Your hand I place my soul,
Asleep, awake, for You are near,
And with my soul, my body too:
You are my God, I shall not fear.

בְּיָדוֹ אֶפְקִיד רוּחִי,
בְּעֵת אִישָׁן וְאַעִירָה,
וְעַם רוּחִי גּוֹיֹתַי;
יְיָ לִי, וְלֹא אִירָא.

Removal of the Scrolls from the Ark

It is a tree of life to all who grasp it and those who hold fast to it are happy. Its ways are ways of pleasantness and all its paths are peace.

עֵץ־חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחְזִיקִים
בָּהּ, וְתַמְכֶּיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר.
דְּרָכֶיהָ דִּרְכֵי־נֹעַם,
וְכָל־נִתְיבֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם.

Psalms 29

A Psalm of David

Give due honour to God, divine beings! Give due honour to God's awesome power. Give the honour that is due to God's name. Worship God in the beauty of holiness.

God's voice is over the waters, present in the thunder's crash.

God rules over stormy waters.

The voice of God is power! The voice of God is majesty!

The voice of God breaks the cedars; God shatters the cedars of Lebanon, making them skip

א מְזִמּוֹר לְדָוִד
הָבוּ לַיהוָה בְּנוֹי אֱלֹהִים
הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד וְעֹז:
ב הָבוּ לַיהוָה כְּבוֹד שְׁמוֹ
הַשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לַיהוָה
בְּהַדְרַת־קֹדֶשׁ:
ג קוֹל יְיָ עַל־הַמָּיִם
אֱלֹהֵי־הַכְּבוֹד הִרְעִים
יְיָ עַל־מַיִם רַבִּים:
ד קוֹל־יְיָ בַּפֶּחַח
קוֹל יְיָ בְּהַדָּר:
ה קוֹל יְיָ שֹׁבֵר אֲרָזִים
וַיִּשְׁבֶּר יְיָ
אֶת־אֲרָזֵי הַלְבָּנוֹן:

like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion
like young oxen. God's voice
splits the lightning shafts, God's
voice whirls the desert sand,
God whirls the desert of
Kadesh. God's voice makes the
wild deer calve, it strips the
forest bare - while in God's
Temple all cry 'Glory!' God was
enthroned at the flood; God is
enthroned, Sovereign forever.
God give strength to Your
people, bless Your people with
peace.

ו וִירְקִידִם כְּמו־עֵגֶל
לְבָנוֹן וְשִׁירִין כְּמו־בֶן־רֵאמִים:
ז קוֹל־יְיָ חֹצֵב לַהֲבוֹת אֵשׁ:
ח קוֹל יְיָ יַחֲלִיל מִדְּבַר
יַחֲלִיל יְיָ מִדְּבַר קָדֶשׁ:
ט קוֹל יְיָ | יַחֲלִיל אֵילֹת
וַיַּחֲשֹׁף יַעְרוֹת
וַיִּבְהִיכֻן כָּלֹו אֲמִר כְּבוֹד:
י יְיָ לַמְּבוֹל יֵשֵׁב
וַיֵּשֶׁב יְיָ מֶלֶךְ לְעוֹלָם:
יא יְיָ עֹז לְעַמּוֹ יִתֵּן
יב | יְבָרֶךְ אֶת־עַמּוֹ בְּשָׁלוֹם:

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Extinguishing the light of the *Ner Tamid*

We read in the Torah that while the Israelites were in the wilderness, a cloud accompanied them. When the cloud rested on the tabernacle the community rested at that spot, but when the cloud lifted from the tabernacle the people too had to move. Today, as we ceremonially leave this place that our community build into their spiritual home, we acknowledge that the cloud has lifted and we must move on. As we extinguish the light of the *Ner Tamid* we acknowledge that the spirit moves and we commit ourselves to nurture a greater light in the future home of our community.

Concluding Benediction

Just as you were blessed when
you entered, so may you be
blessed as you depart.

בְּרוּכִים אַתֶּם בְּבֹאְכֶם
וּבְרוּכִים אַתֶּם בְּצֵאתְכֶם.

Scrolls are processed out



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