

**Welcoming Shabbat Live Stream**  
**BT Congregation for Humanistic Judaism, Dec. 18, 2020**

**SONG: L'CHAH DODI**

*Chorus: L'chah dodi likrat kalah p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah. (2x)*

*Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'nelchah ki et ha-b'rachah hi m'vi'ah.*

*B'simchah b'rinah u-v'tzoholah p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah. Repeat Chorus.*

Come, my beloved, to greet the Shabbat bride, For Shabbat brings blessing. In joy, delight and happiness, let us greet the Shabbat bride.

לְכֹה דְּוִדִי לְקִרְאֵת כַּלָּה פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נְקַבְּלָהּ. לְקִרְאֵת שַׁבָּת לְכוּ וְנִלְכֶה בִּי אֶת הַבְּרָכָה הִיא מְבִיאָה בְּשִׂמְחָה בְּרִנָּה  
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*(Shlomo Alkabetz, 16th c., adapted)*

**READING**

As the sun descends and the shadows lengthen, the distractions of the day give way to the stillness of night. It is time now for us to see not with our eyes, but with our hearts and minds. As the day gives way to evening, it is time for us to welcome Shabbat.

May these candles reflect the light in our lives and the warmth we find in our sense of community. Though we are physically apart may their light spark a sense of real connection.

**CANDLES & WINE**

*Baruch ha-or ba-olam. Baruch ha-or ba-adam. Baruch ha-or ba-shalom (ba-shalom).  
Baruch ha-or (baruch ha-or) ba-Shabbat.*

Blessed is the light of the world. Blessed is the light of humanity. Blessed is the light of peace.  
Blessed is the light of Shabbat.

בְּרוּךְ הָאוֹר בְּעוֹלָם. בְּרוּךְ הָאוֹר בְּאָדָם. בְּרוּךְ הָאוֹר בְּשָׁלוֹם. בְּרוּךְ הָאוֹר בְּשַׁבָּת.

L'chaim!

**READING**

Tonight come together in the only way that we can as we attempt to gain perspective on where we have been and where we are going.

We may feel fragile. We may feel alone. Nevertheless, we remain connected as we search for strength, for community, for gratitude.

On this Shabbat, may we lengthen our perspective. May we find the space to question and explore.

Together we share the challenge of an ever-changing world; a world beyond our control.

Together we seek to find meaning, calm our anxieties, understand our purpose.

Together we share the burden and blessing of responsibility. Together we are a community.

Let us rejoice in that bond as we celebrate Shabbat.

**THERE'S A PLACE / YEISH MAKOM**

There's a place with answers we are seeking. There's a place to find our light of hope. Where's the strength to realize our vision?

*Chorus:*

*Yeish makom b'tocheinu. (2x) Look within yourself, you'll find it there.*

יש מקום בתוכנו.

There's a place with wisdom that can guide us. There's a place where we know what's right or wrong. Where's the path to peace that we all long for? *Chorus*

**READING**

May we keep something beautiful in our hearts to survive difficult times and enjoy good times.

May we experience each day as a sacred gift woven around the heart of wonder.

May we live each day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love.

Blessed be the gifts we never notice: our health, eyes to behold the world, thoughts to countenance the unknown, memory to harvest vanished days, our heart to feel the world's waves, our breath to breathe the nourishment of distance made intimate by earth.

Though we are betrothed to the unknown, let us at the end of each day give thanks for being.

*John O'Donohue, adapted*

### **SONG: EIFOH ORI**

*Eifoh ori? Ori bi.  
Eifoh tikvati? Tikvati bi.  
Eifoh kochi? Kochi bi. V'gam bach.*

*Where is my light?  
My light is in me.  
Where is my hope?  
My hope is in me.  
Where is my strength?  
My strength is in me. And in you.*

איפה אורי? אורי בי. איפה תקותי? תקותי בי. איפה כחי? כחי בי. וגם בך.

### **MASK MANDATES & OTHER MEASURES: THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVT. IN A PANDEMIC A CONVERSATION WITH ATTORNEY & AUTHOR STEPHANIE BLUM**

#### **READING: A POEM BY CHICAGO'S HEALTH COMMISSIONER, DR. ALLISON ARWADY (adapted for Michiganders by Rabbi Jeff)**

We don't care about your politics. Don't care about your views.  
Don't care about the channel where you watch your evening news.

Doesn't matter how you voted. We don't care to whom you give.  
The only thing we care about is: do you want to live?

We can't make you wear a mask, or watch you wash your hands  
We can't make you social distance; you must understand

We can't draw those 6-foot markings on the floor of every room  
We can't make you shift your holidays onto FaceTime or to Zoom.

This summer, we all settled down with COVID in our nation  
We wore our masks, and washed our hands — I took two days' vacation.

We miss live music, festivals, and plays  
We're a state made for traveling, our lakes go on for days.

We want schools and playgrounds open,  
congregations, gyms, and pubs.

But before these things all happen, we've got winter and the flu  
That vaccine's almost in our arms — but 'til then it's up to you.

### **SONG: BA-SHANAH HA-BA'AH**

*Ba-shanah ha-ba'ah neshev al ha-mirpeset v'nispor tsiporim nod'dot.*

*Y'ladim b'chufsha y'sachaku tofeset bein habayit l'vein ha-sadot.*

*Od tireh, od tireh kamah tov y'hiyeh ba-shanah ba-shanah haba'ah. (2x)*

בְּשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה נִשְׁבַּע עַל הַמִּרְפֶּסֶת  
וְנִסְפְּרוּ צִפּוֹרִים נוֹדְדוֹת.  
יְלָדִים בְּחֻפְשָׁה  
יִשְׁחַקוּ תוֹפֶסֶת  
בֵּין הַבַּיִת לְבֵין הַשְּׂדוֹת.

עוֹד תִּרְאֶה, עוֹד תִּרְאֶה  
כַּמָּה טוֹב יְהִיָּה  
בְּשָׁנָה, בְּשָׁנָה הַבָּאָה.

Soon the day will arrive when we will be together  
And no longer will we live in fear; And the children will smile without them wondering whether  
on that day dark new clouds will appear.

Wait and see, wait and see what a world this can be If we share, if we care, you and me. (2x)

*Music by Ehud Manor, Lyrics by Nurit Hirsch*

## **READING**

The prophet Isaiah – who was probably a real person – bequeathed us an important link in the history of our written treasures.

He is famous for his prophecy of a future of peace:

“Let them beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more..”

The poet Yehudah Amichai lived in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and has his one place in the history of Jewish literature. He answered Isaiah with these words:

Don't stop after beating the swords  
into plowshares, don't stop!  
Go on beating and make musical instruments  
out of them.

Whoever wants to make war again  
will have to turn them into plowshares first!

## **SONG: NAASEH SHALOM**

*Na'aseh shalom ba-olam. Na'aseh shalom aleinu. V'al kawl ha-olam. V'imru shalom.*

Let us make peace in the world for ourselves and everyone and let us say: Shalom.

נַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּעוֹלָם. נַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ. וְעַל כָּל הָעוֹלָם. וְאָמְרוּ שְׁלוֹם.

### **READING: FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

In this community, where we find strength and common purpose, we turn our minds and hearts toward all those who need our love and support: those who are ill, those who suffer pain of the body or spirit, those who are lonely, those who have been wronged.

*(Congregants are invited to share the names of those in need in the comment section.)*

May all who suffer know that they are not alone. May they be healed quickly. May they experience a complete recovery - *Refu'ah Sh'leimah* - the renewal of their bodies and the renewal of their spirits.

### **SONG: REFU'AH SH'LEIMA / HEALING**

*M'kom hako'ach b'tocheinu, m'korot ha-b'racha mi-chevroteinu,*

מקום הכח בתוכנו, מקורות הברכה מחברותנו,

May the source of strength that dwells so deep within us help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing, and let us say: Shalom.

*M'kom hako'ach b'tocheinu, m'korot ha-b'racha mi-chevroteinu,*

May those in need of healing know *refu'ah sh'leimah*, the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit, and let us say: Shalom.

### **MEMORIAL**

Our thoughts turn to those who are no longer with us: our own loved ones, those whom our friends and neighbors have lost, the martyrs of our people whose graves are unmarked, and those of every people and nation whose lives have been a blessing to humanity. As we remember them, we meditate on the meaning of love and loss, of life and death.

We recall now our loved ones whom death has recently taken from us, those who died at this season in years past, and those whom we have taken into our hearts with our own...

### **YAHRZEITS**

**CLOSING: PEACE BE WITH YOU**

Peace be with you wherever you go  
Peace be with you whatever you do  
Peace be with you 'til we meet again  
Peace be with you my friend.

Love be with you wherever you go  
Love be with you whatever you do  
Love be with you 'til we meet again  
Love be with you my friend.

Joy be with you wherever you go  
Joy be with you whatever you do  
Joy be with you 'til we meet again  
Joy be with you my friend.

*Shalom aleichem shalom shalom*  
*Shalom aleichem shalom shalom*  
*Shalom aleichem shalom shalom*  
*Shalom aleichem shalom!*

*Ann Bartenfeld-Barrows*