

GJC Pride Shabbat June 11, 2022 / 12 Sivan 5782

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Welcome! Our prayer today will include feminine and non-binary language for the Divine. As we celebrate Pride Shabbat, we center our community's commitment to egalitarianism and gender inclusivity. We invite you to join us. May we stretch and grow together!

Hinei ma tov

Hinei ma tov u'manayim, shevet achim gam yachad	<i>See how good and pleasant it is for</i>
Hinei ma tov u'manayim, shevet achyot gam yachad	<i>brothers to live together in unity;</i>
Hinei ma tov shevet kulanu gam yachad (2x)	<i>for sisters to live together in unity;</i>
	<i>for all of us to live together in unity.</i>

Queer Morning Blessings / birkot hashachar by Dori Midnight & Randy Furash -Stewart

1. Blessed are you, AWAKENER, life of all worlds, who removes sleep from my eyes and slumber from my eyelids.
2. Blessed are you, GENEROUS CREATRIX, who stretches forth the earth upon the waters.
3. Blessed are you, SACRED FLAME, who illuminates and shines upon everyone and everything.
4. Blessed are you, HOLY FASHION DESIGNER, who delights in the way we dress ourselves as altars.
5. Blessed are you, LIBERATION WORKER, who moves us to stretch and expand towards freedom.
6. Blessed are You, DIVINE APPLE ORCHARD, who delights in my delight and is praised by my pleasure.
7. Blessed are you, NAMELESS AND INFINITE, who made us in your image and reminds us that all bodies are sacred and holy.
8. Blessed are You, WINGS OF GOLD, who crowns my people, all people, with splendor.
9. Blessed are you, HOLY BREATH, who fills me with this gift every day.
10. Blessed are you, ABUNDANCE, who helps me remember I have everything I need.
11. Blessed are you, THE WAY, who meets me where I am.
12. Blessed are you, SOURCE OF LIFE, who I draw on for strength and who reminds me that rest is a sacred act.
13. Blessed are you, FABULOUS ONE, who loves me just as I am.
14. Blessed are you, WEAVER OF BEING, who shaped the human being with wisdom, making for us all the openings and vessels of the body. It is known that we are miracles and all bodies are miracles.
15. Blessed are You, YOU OF MANY NAMES, for revealing infinite paths of healing.

B'rucha she'amrah (Havurat Shalom)

B'rucha she'amrah v'hayah ha'olam, b'rucha hi.

Baruch omer v'oseh, b'rucha gozeret u'mkayemet,

Baruch oseh v'reishit, b'rucha m'rachemet al ha'aretz,

Baruch m'rachem al ha'briyot, b'rucha m'shalemet shachar tov lireyeha,

Baruch chai la'ad v'kayam lanetzach, b'rucha podah u'matzilah, Baruch hu u'vrucha hi.

Blessed is God who spoke and the world came into being, blessed is She.

Blessed is the One who speaks and acts. Blessed is the One who decrees and affirms.

Blessed is the One who is the force of creation.

Blessed is the One who has compassion for the earth.

Blessed is the One who has tenderness for all creatures.

Blessed is the One who rewards the reverent with wholeness.

Blessed is the One who is eternal and everlasting. Blessed is the One who rescues and redeems.

Blessed is He, blessed is She.

Psalm 150 (Havurat Shalom)

Halleluyah! Hallelna-yah!

Halelu, halelu elah b'kodsha, Haleluha, haleluha birkia uzah.

Haleluha b'gvuroteha, haleluha k'rov gudlah.

Haleluha b'teka shofar, haleluha b'nevel v'chinor.

Haleluha b'tof u'machol, haleluha b'minim v'ugav.

Haleluha b'tziltzlei shama, haleluha b'tziltzlei t'ruah.

Kol haneshamah t'halel yah, halleluyah,

Kol haneshamah t'halel yah, hallelna-yah!

Halleluyah! Praise God in Her holiness, praise Her in the heavens of Her glory.

Praise Her for Her strength and the abundance of Her greatness.

Praise Her with the blowing of the shofar, with the harp and the lyre.

Praise Her with drums and dancing, with stringed instruments and flutes.

Praise Her with the clanging of cymbals, praise Her with the bright noise of cymbals.

Praise God, all my soul! Let everything that has breath praise God!

Nishmat (Havurat Shalom)

Nishmat kol chai t'vareich et shmeich, Yah eloheinu.

V'ruach kol basar t'fa'er ut'romem zichreich tamid.

The breath of all life will bless your name, Eternal One, our God.

The spirit of all flesh will glorify and honor you forever.

Shochen ad marom v'kadosh sh'mo.

Raneinah tzadikot baYah, lay'sharim navah t'hilah.

B'fi ysharot titromam, u'vsiftay tzadikim titbarach,

Uvilshon chasidot titkadash, u'vkerev kdoshim tithalal.

Dwelling in transcendent places, Your name is exalted.

Your name is holy. The righteous sing joyfully to God; the just find beauty in prayer.

In the mouths of the just You are exalted, on the lips of the righteous You are blessed.

In the words of the faithful You are sanctified, and within the holy ones, You are praised.

Barchu by Lev Friedman

Barchu, Dear One

Shekinah, Holy name

When I call on the light of my soul I come home

V'a-hav-t (First paragraph of the Shema, Havurat Shalom)

V'a-hav-t et Yah E-lo-hayich, b'chol l'va-veich, u-v'chol naf-sheich, u-v'chol m'o-deich. V'ha-yu ha-d'va-rim ha-ei-leh, a-sher a-no-chi m'tzavateich ha-yom, al l'vaveich. V'shi-nan-tim livnotayich ul'-va-nayich, v'di-bart bam. B'shiv-teich b'vei-teich uv-lech-teich va-de-rech, u-v'shochbeich uv-ku-meich. Uk-shar-tim l'ot al ya-deich, v'ha-yu l'to-ta-fot bein ei-nayich. Uchtav-tim, al m'zu-zot bei-teich, u-visharayich.

Reading After the Shema (Siddur Sha'ar Zahav)

FREEDOM, LOVE, GRATITUDE

Freedom. Love. Gratitude. This is the foundation of Jewish leadership: the freedom to help those who are oppressed and those who oppress themselves; the self-love to love others fearlessly; the gratitude to share oneself with one's community. We are all leaders who guide each other along many paths of understanding.

עַל הַנְּסִים וְעַל הַפְּרָקוֹן, וְעַל הַגְּבוּרוֹת וְעַל הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת, וְעַל הַמְּלַחְמוֹת שֶׁעָשִׂיתָ לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ וּלְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנָה הַזֶּה

בְּיָמֵי הַתְּנוּעָה לְזִכּוּיֹת הָאֲזָרָח בְּאִמְרִיקָה, קָמָה קְהֵלֶת הַגָּאִים לְהִלָּחֵם עַל
הַכְּבוֹד וְהַצְּדָק הַמְּגִיעִים לְכָל בְּנֵי וּבָנוֹת אֲנוּשׁ, בְּשִׁמְחָלְלֵי שְׂמֵךְ/שְׂמָה,
בְּטַעֲנֹתֶם שֶׁהֵם שׁוֹנְאִים בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה, עָמְדוּ נֶגֶד בְּנֵיךְ/בְּנֵיךָ וּבְנוֹתֶיךָ/וּבְנוֹתֶיךָ
לְהַשְׁפִּילֵם וּלְאַסְרֵם, לְהַשְׁמִידֵם וּלְמַחֲקֵם, וּבְרַחֲמֶיךָ/וּבְרַחֲמֶיהָ הַרְבִּים
עָמַדְתָּ/תְּ לָהֶם בְּעַת צָרָתָם, רַבֵּת/תְּ אֶת רִיבָם, דִּנְתָּ/תְּ אֶת דִּינָם, חִזַּקְתָּ/תְּ
אֶת לִבָּם לְעִמּוֹד בְּיַחַד, לְפַקֵּחַ אֶת עֵינֵיהֶם וְאֶת עֵינֵי הָעוֹלָם, לְהַבִּין שֶׁהַחֲרוֹת
וְהַזְּכוּת לְאַהֲבַת שְׂיִכּוּת לְכָל יַצִּירוֹתֶיךָ/יַצִּירוֹתֶיהָ. חִזַּקְתָּ/תְּ אוֹתָם וְאוֹתָנוּ כְּדֵי
שֶׁנִּזְכְּלוּ לְרֵאוֹת נִפְלְאוֹת וּלְעֲשׂוֹת נִסִּים, לְהִיּוֹת אֲשֶׁר נִהְיָה וּלְאַהֲבַת אֶת מִי
שֶׁנִּאֱהָב, לֹא בְּצֵל מְגוּרֵינוּ אֲלָא בְּאוֹר הַחַיִּים, לְחִיּוֹת כִּיְהוּדִים בְּחִיק הַקְּהֵלָה,
לְקַדֵּשׁ אֶת אַחֲוֵינוּ וְלִשֵׁשׁ עֲלֵינוּ וְעֲלֶיךָ/וְעֲלֶיהָ. אֲבָן מְאֹסוֹ הַבוֹנִים הִיְתָה
לְרֵאשׁ פְּנֵה. וְלֹא נְבוּשׁ וְלֹא נִכְלָם לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

We thank You for the miraculous deliverance, for the heroism and for the triumphs in battle of our ancestors in other days, and in our time. In the wake of the civil rights movement lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender people began to organize for the dignity and justice that all of us are due as human beings on this earth. Those who profane your name, claiming that they hate us in the name of God, rose up to criminalize us, pathologize us, brutalize us, and erase us. And You in your great mercy stood with us in the time of our troubles. You fought alongside us, vindicated us, gave us the courage to stand together, to open our eyes and the eyes of the world around us, to see that the freedom and the right to love belongs to all of your creations. You have given us the strength to witness and create wonders, to be who we are and to love whom we love not only in the safety of our homes but outside in the light of the world, to live as Jews in the embrace of community, to sanctify our unions and celebrate ourselves before each other and before You. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. May we never know shame again.

Al hanisim prayers of gratitude were created for Purim and Chanukah, neither of which is mentioned in the Five Books of the Torah. Another *al hanisim* was written in the twentieth century to celebrate Israel's independence. This prayer was written in that tradition to express gratitude for the triumph of the human spirit with divine help to overcome oppression. —Ayelet S. Cohen

Priestly Blessing adapted into nonbinary Hebrew (Rabbi Lily Solocheck)

תְּבַרַךְ שְׁכִינָה וְתִשְׁמַרְךָ
תְּאֵר שְׁכִינָה פְּנֵיהָ אֵלֶיךָ וְתַחֲוֶנְךָ
תִּשָּׂא שְׁכִינָה פְּנֵיהָ אֵלֶיךָ וְתִשֵּׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

T'vareche shechinah v'tishmareche

Ta'er shechinah paneha eleche v'tichunche

Tisa shechinah paneha eleche v'tasem l'che shalom

Prayer for Peace

Oseh shalom, shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh, hu ya'aseh shalom

Osah shalom, shalom bimromeha, hi ta'aseh, hi ta'aseh shalom

Hu ya'aseh shalom

Hi ta'aseh shalom

V'na'aseh shalom

Shalom aleinu v'al kol yisrael, v'al kol yoshvei teiveil

RESOURCES

Siddur B'chol L'vavcha

Created by Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York, NY

<https://cbst.org/shop>

Siddur Birkat Shalom (Hebrew and English egalitarian language)

Created by Havurat Shalom in Somerville, MA

<https://www.thehav.org/our-egalitarian-siddur.html>

Siddur Sha'ar Zahav

Created by congregation Sha'ar Zahav in San Francisco, CA

<https://shaarzahav.org/our-siddur/>

Nonbinary Hebrew Project

<https://www.nonbinaryhebrew.com/>