



A CELEBRATION
OF 40 YEARS

RABBI
DAVID
POSNER

A SPIRITUAL LIFE,
AN ENDEAVOR
SUSTAINED



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY

עֶבֶד אַבְרָהָם אֲנִי:

I AM ABRAHAM'S SERVANT.

(GENESIS 24:34)



This is a selection from the Torah portion, Chayei Sarah, which Rabbi Posner read as a Bar Mitzvah, fifty-two years ago, this Shabbat. What Rabbi Posner didn't know then, as we do now, may be found in the phrase which he often uses in reflecting on someone's life. Rabbi Posner is fond of saying, "His parasha is his portion; his drash is his destiny." Perhaps it is his own life experience which led him to this insight. We, who cherish him and have grown under his guidance and care these last four decades, can clearly see how this portion led him to a life modeled on Abraham's modesty, humility and faith. His rabbinate has been a drash, an unending and ongoing commentary, through words and deeds, bringing us all to a greater understanding of God's expectations of us.

David is cherished — for teaching, preaching, counseling and most of all, for the deep personal relationships he has created with each one of us. During life-cycle events, both joyous and tragic, Rabbi Posner has stood with us, celebrating whenever possible and comforting when necessary. His career spans three generations, each interaction adding blessing to blessing. He has officiated at weddings of those who began here in Nursery School; he has named their babies and keeps their pictures close at hand.

In the Religious School, with Rabbi Posner at the piano, generations of children have learned the melodies of our liturgy as well as songs which mark holidays and celebrations. His passion for Semitic languages and grammar has inspired adults in our congregation to learn Biblical Hebrew so they can better appreciate the richness of our texts. Teens as well as adults have sought him out when they have needed direction and emerged from such conversations with a new sense of purpose. Rabbi Posner cannot walk a city block without being stopped to receive a warm greeting from someone he has touched. That's true not only in our city but just as often in places he visits. As colleagues, we look to him for everything from alef (beginning with Aramaic) to tav (Talmud). He is a rabbi's rabbi!

In light of all that he has taught us, our families and our congregational community these many years, let us celebrate and commemorate his life's work in the most authentic way — through worship. Our special prayer book for this evening includes commentary written by just a few of the many of us who have been taught and guided by him. Seen through the lens of the liturgy, their voices enrich our experience with prayer while holding a mirror to our own interactions.

Rabbi Posner has challenged us all to examine our beliefs and encouraged our questions! He has helped us all reach toward our best selves, bringing us to a fuller expression of faith. And so, it is with joy that we honour our years together.

With love and admiration, let us celebrate Shabbos together with you, our dear friend and rabbi.



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SABBATH SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composer: B. Morris, arranged by Cantor Lori Corrsin

לְכוּ נְרַנְנָה לַיהוָה נְרִיעָה לְצוּר יִשְׁעֵנוּ: נִקְדְּמָה פָּנֵינוּ
בְּתוֹדָה בְּזִמְרוֹת נְרִיעַ לּוֹ: כִּי אֵל גָּדוֹל יְהוָה וּמֶלֶךְ גָּדוֹל
עַל-כָּל-אֱלֹהִים:

O come, let us sing unto God,
Sing joyfully to our Source of strength.
We come near to God with thanksgiving,
Our voices loud with song.
For Adonai is a great God,
Exalted is God above all.
(From Psalm 95)

READER

O God, we have entered Thy sanctuary on this Sabbath to hallow Thy name and to offer unto Thee prayers of thanksgiving. The week of toil is ended, the day of rest has come. Thou, Creator of all, hast given us the blessing of labor, so that by our work, we may fashion things of use and beauty. May the fruit of our labor be acceptable unto Thee. May each new Sabbath find us going from strength to strength, so that by Thy grace we may be helped to even worthier

work. Make us conscious of our obligation to Thee and of the opportunities for service which Thou hast put within our reach. Help us to use our powers for the benefit of others, so that the hearts of Thy children may be gladdened by the work of our hands.

RESPONSIVE READING

I rejoiced when they said unto me:
Let us go unto the house of the Lord.

*Wherewith shall I come unto the Lord and
bow before God on high?*

It hath been told thee, O man, what is good,
and what the Lord doth require of thee.

*Only to do justice, and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with thy God.*

Have we not all one Father?
Hath not one God created us?

*Why do we deal treacherously brother
against brother?*

Proclaim liberty throughout the land
unto all the inhabitants thereof.

*Let justice well up as waters and righteousness
like a mighty stream.*

Seek good and not evil that ye may live.

And so the Lord God of hosts shall be with us.

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“Rabbi Posner instilled in me the importance of continuing the traditions of the Jewish people, like lighting the Sabbath candles.

He reinforced the importance of honoring the Sabbath to me and my family.”

*“I can’t light the Shabbat candles without thinking of the Posners. Over the years, we have spent countless Shabbos dinners with them at Temple. Rabbi Posner always sings **Eishet Chayil**, A Woman of Valour, to Sylvia, as if she is his new bride. It made such an impression on me that now our family tradition includes the same reading from Proverbs.”*

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“Emphasizing that we can approach God with praise whatever the time or circumstance, the Barchu in the morning calls The Holy One the ‘Creator of both light and darkness,’ or in the evening, ‘The One Who both brings on the evening and Who opens the gates of the morning.’ Rabbi Posner has faithfully and lovingly honed his role as a reminder of God’s ever presence in the ‘vicissitudes of life’ — in both darkness and light, in both sadness and celebration, one can expect to receive a personal note from this Rabbi of Rabbis.”

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BARCHU בְּרַכּוּ

(CONGREGATION RISES)

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composer: F.V.D. Stucken

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ:

Praise ye the Lord, to whom all praise is due.

בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Praised be the Lord to whom all praise is due forever and ever.

(CONGREGATION IS SEATED)

CONGREGATION AND READER

Thou art our God, the source whence life and all its blessings flow. Wherever we turn our gaze we behold signs of Thy goodness and grace. The fulness of Thy power is disclosed to us in Thy gracious dealings with Israel, in Thy constant shaping of human destiny, and in the marvelous works of Thy creation. The whole universe proclaims Thy glory. Thy loving spirit hovers over all Thy works, guiding and sustaining them. The harmony and grandeur of nature speak to us of Thee, our God, of Thine infinite might and majesty.

SHEMA שְׁמַע

(CONGREGATION RISES)

CONGREGATION AND READER

Composer: Salomon Sulzer

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.

Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

בְּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד:

Baruch shem k'vod malchuto l'olam va-ed.

Praised be His name whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

(CONGREGATION IS SEATED)

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*“SHEMA YISRAEL. Hear O Israel. Rabbi Posner always speaks about his affection for the **pintel yid**, the ordinary person. He hears us. He hears me. To him, I am someone important enough to listen to. There are countless people who feel as I do. When I say Shema and V'ahavta, I think of Rabbi Posner, who both listens to and loves his people.”*

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וְאַהֲבַתְּ אֶת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ
 וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ: וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְצַוְנֶךָ הַיּוֹם
 עַל-לִבְּךָ: וְשִׁנַּנְתָּם לְבָנֶיךָ וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָּם בְּשִׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ
 וּבְלִכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ וּבְשֹׁכְבְּךָ וּבְקוּמְךָ: וְקִשְׁרַתָּם לְאוֹת
 עַל-יָדְךָ וְהָיוּ לְמַטְפֹּת בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ: וְכִתַּבְתָּם עַל-מְזוֹזוֹת
 בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ: לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי
 וְהֵייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

CONGREGATION AND READER

Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. Thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates: That ye may remember and do all My commandments and be holy unto your God.

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“THOU SHALT TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY UNTO THY CHILDREN: a phrase that seems to me to capture an essential part of David Posner and of his rabbinate. For Rabbi Posner is nothing if not a teacher. He loves **what** he teaches and **those** he teaches. He understands the act of teaching, the passing-on from one generation to the next to the next to the next, as a key to the survival of the Jewish people, of the Jewish people’s relationship with God.”

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RESPONSIVE READING

Trust in God with all thy heart and lean not upon
thine own understanding.

For He is our God, and we are His people, consecrated to His service.

Remember all God's commandments, and do them;
that ye go not about after your own heart and your own eyes.

*It is He who redeemed us from the hand of oppressors,
and revived our spirits when our own strength failed us.*

God's works and wonders surpass our understanding,
His gifts and blessings are without number.

We rejoice in His sovereign power; we praise and give thanks unto His name.

ישמחו YISM'CHU

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composer: Moshe Kraus

ישמחו במלכותך שומרי שבת וקוראי ענג, עם
מקדשי שבועי, כלם ישבעו ויתענגו מטובך,
ובשבועי רצית בו וקדשתו, חמדת ימים אתו
קראת, זכר למעשה בראשית.

They who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight, rejoice in Thy kingdom.
All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by Thy goodness.
This day is Israel's festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by Thee,
the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

AVOT אבות

READER

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אֱלֹהֵי
אַבְרָהָם, אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל
הַגִּבּוֹר וְהַנּוֹרָא, אֵל עֲלִיּוֹן. גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים,
וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסָדֵי אֲבוֹת וּמְבִיא גְּאֻלָּה
לְבָנָי בְּנֵיהֶם לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה. מְלֶךְ עוֹזֵר
וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמְגִן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְגִן אַבְרָהָם.

Praised be Thou, O Lord, God of our ancestors, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, great, mighty and exalted. Thou bestowest lovingkindness upon all Thy children. Thou rememberest the devotion of our ancestors. In Thy love, Thou bringest redemption to their descendants for the sake of Thy name. Thou art our King and Helper, our Savior and Protector. Praised be Thou, O Lord, Shield of Abraham.

CONGREGATION AND READER

Eternal is Thy power, O Lord, Thou art mighty to save. In lovingkindness Thou sustainest the living; in the multitude of Thy mercies, Thou preservest all. Thou upholdest the falling and healest the sick; freest the captives and keepest faith with Thy children in death as in life. Who is like unto Thee, Almighty God, Author of life and death, Source of Salvation? Praised be Thou, O Lord, who hast implanted within us eternal life.

READER

May the rest and quiet of this hour of worship refresh our inner life and renew in us the sense of Thy holy presence. Open our eyes that we behold truth and beauty in the words of the inspired teachers of Thy will. Animate our thoughts and endeavors with the power of Thy divine purposes, so that whatever our hand findeth to do, we may do with all our might. Fill our hearts with Sabbath peace and serenity, that we may hear the voice of Thy spirit and be moved to build our lives on the abiding foundations of Thy law.

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“When Rabbi Posner preaches, he shares his knowledge and wisdom with us in a quiet and thoughtful way. His tone conveys a respect and love for our biblical foremothers and forefathers, whose words and deeds continue to instruct us in how to live our lives as Jews.”

“From Rabbi Posner, I learned to observe that which you believe in as long as you know WHY you believe in it. This lead me to read about Judaism, to question Judaic practices and to find my niche, that spot where I feel comfortable, within Judaism. This is the essence of Reform Judaism. This is the essence of Rabbi Posner.”

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“With his expertise in linguistics and his love and enthusiasm for the Hebrew language, Rabbi Posner made even studying Hebrew grammar interesting and challenging. His passion for teaching and his great patience with the diverse students in the class was most admirable. He gave me a much deeper understanding of how Hebrew evolved as a language and a far greater appreciation of its centrality to Judaism. Thanks to Rabbi Posner, my own personal Classical Reform Judaism now has much greater depth. I have found my place in our Tradition.”

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CONGREGATION AND READER

We pray for the masters and teachers in Israel that they may dispense Thy truth with earnestness and zeal, yet not without charity. May the law of love be found on their lips, and may they by precept and example lead many in the ways of righteousness.

Bless, O God, all endeavors, wherever made, to lift up the fallen, to redeem the sinful, to bring back those who wander from the right path and restore them to a worthy life.

Endow us with purity of heart and steadfastness of spirit that our lives may testify of Thee and sanctify Thy name. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

(or such other prayer as the heart may prompt)

O Lord God, in Thine abundant mercy we have been preserved during the past week. Through the common days flow the refreshing waters of Thy lovingkindness,

yet we forget the Source. May this hour awaken within us a sense of our dependence upon Thee. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us that we may face our daily duty with a firm courage and a tranquil mind. May we learn to know that in loving and serving others, we are loving and serving Thee. Do Thou guard us and our dear ones in the coming week. May we live together in love and unselfishness so that happiness and contentment may abide within our homes. May the spirit of the Sabbath fill our life with its blessed peace. Amen.

(or the following)

O God, keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile. Be my support when grief silences my voice, and my comfort when woe bends my spirit. Implant humility in my soul, and strengthen my heart with perfect faith in Thee. Help me to be strong in temptation and trial and to be patient and forgiving when others wrong me. Guide me by the light of Thy counsel, that I may ever find strength in Thee, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

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“Many years ago, I was sitting at my father’s bedside at the Jewish Home and Hospital, on a Friday afternoon. He did not feel well enough to go downstairs to the Shabbat service. As the daylight faded, I heard a voice coming from another room. Unclear at first, the voice grew steady and clear as I recognized the familiar cadences of Rabbi Posner reading the service over the WQXR broadcast. And just like that, suddenly, there was Shabbat and we were at home. And who better to accomplish this miracle than our beloved Rabbi Posner who reminded us often, that Shabbat was a taste of Eternity.”

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MEDITATION

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composer: Marshall Portnoy

יְהִיוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי פִי וְהַגִּיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ, יְיָ צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

My the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
unto Thee, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

עֲשֵׂה שָׁלוֹם בְּמְרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל
יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

May the One who causes peace in the heavens cause peace to be among us,
all Israel, and all the world. And let us say: Amen.

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ANTHEM

CHOIR

Composer: Elliot Z. Levine

This is the day the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad.
Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;
for His love endures forever.
The Lord's right hand has triumphed.
I shall not die.
I shall live and recount His deeds.
(From Psalm 118)

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSINGS

(CONGREGATION RISES)

CONGREGATION AND READER

RABBI POSNER, we call on God to bless you,
as you have blessed us. For you have taught
us the responsibility to go forth into the
world, to tell the endless tale of a people
called to service. You have instilled in us the
passion to sing the song of centuries.

May all your dreams become realities,
your realities fulfillments,
and your fulfillments blessings
for you and all who love you.

May all our prayers be answered.
Amen.

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“One of the many gifts from my years of Hebrew classes with Rabbi Posner has been the love of classical Hebrew and its grammatical structure. This has enabled me to appreciate the Torah on several levels: I can listen to the portion for the beauty of its language; I can follow the reading (and, usually, understand the words) by viewing it in the Tanach; I can analyze the grammar and gain deeper insight into the meaning of the portion or perhaps wonder even more at its mystery. With gratitude to Rabbi Posner, I always feel close to God when the Torah is read.”

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בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִנֵּי עָנּוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה.

Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
sheh-heh-kheh-yah-nu, v'kee-y'mah-nu
v'hee-gee-ah-nu laz-mahn ha-zeh.

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who hast granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to
celebrate this joyous Sabbath together.

ADORATION עֲלֵינוּ

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composers: Moshe Rudinow and Frederick Jacobi

Let us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto
Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose
glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is
manifest throughout the world. He is our God; there is none else.

We bow the head in reverence, and worship the King of
kings, the Holy One, praised be He.

וְאַנְחָנוּ כְּרָעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים לְפָנֶי מֶלֶךְ
מְלִכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא:

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*“So, God willing, if we and those who follow us continue to teach
our children, as Rabbi Posner has done, we can trust that the lessons
of our ancestors will be known by future generations...”*

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(CONGREGATION IS SEATED)

READER

May the time not be distant, O God, when Thy name shall be worshiped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disappear and error be no more. We fervently pray that the day may come when all shall invoke Thy name, when corruption and evil shall give way to purity and goodness, when superstition shall no longer enslave the mind, nor idolatry blind the eye, when all who dwell on earth shall know that to Thee alone every knee must bend and every tongue give homage. O may all, created in Thine image, recognize that they are brethren, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever united before Thee. Then shall Thy kingdom be established on earth and the word of Thine ancient seer be fulfilled: The Lord will reign forever and ever.

CHOIR

בְּיוֹם הַהוּא יְהִי יי
אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד:

On that day the Lord shall be One
and His name shall be One.

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“Rabbi Posner has said that the most important reason to attend temple services is to be present when kaddish is recited. The moment when our brethren stand for kaddish, it is for them we are there — to acknowledge their loss, the profound change that has happened in their lives. We hear the names of the cherished departed, who will live on for as long as we continue to recall and speak of their unique loveliness. We must physically show up, so the mourners among us may see that they are not alone in their sorrow. There really is no substitute. And when it is our own turn to grieve, we shall be grateful to those who have come there for us.”

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“A very cold and snowy February eve did not deter me from journeying up from Greenwich Village to say Kaddish for my mother who had just died. After the service, I proceeded with the other congregants to the Oneg in the Temple lobby and introduced myself to Rabbi Posner.

At once, he took my hand with strength and warmth, welcoming me back to Emanu-El, a gesture that began to lift the weight of the grief I was carrying. Loss was transformed into presence as I was rediscovering the beauty of the Hebrew tradition into which I was born.”

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READER

In nature’s ebb and flow, God’s eternal law abides. When tears dim our vision and grief clouds our understanding, we often lose sight of God’s eternal plan. Yet we know that growth and decay, life and death all reveal God’s purpose. He who is our support in the struggles of life is also our hope in death. We have set God before us and shall not despair. In God’s hands are the souls of all the living and the spirits of all flesh. Under God’s protection we abide and by His love are we comforted. O Life of our life, Soul of our soul, cause Thy light to shine into our hearts, and fill our spirit with abiding trust in Thee.

MOURNERS' KADDISH

קַדִּישׁ יְתוּם

(MOURNERS RISE)

MOURNER

יִתְגַּדֵּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעֶלְמָא דִּי
 בְּרָא כְרַעוּתָהּ. וְיִמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתָהּ. בְּחַיִּיכוּן
 וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בְּעִגְלָא
 וּבְזֶמַן קָרִיב. וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן:

CONGREGATION

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ לְעֵלְמָא וְלְעֵלְמֵי עֲלְמֵיָא:

MOURNER

יְתַבְרֵךְ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח וְיִתְפָּאֵר וְיִתְרוֹמֵם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה
וְיִתְהַלֵּל שְׁמֵהּ דְקֻדְשָׁא. בְּרִיךְ הוּא. לְעֵלָּא מִן כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא
וְשִׁירְתָּא. תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנִחַמְתָּא. דְאִמְרִין בְּעֵלְמָא. וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:
יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן-שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים. עָלֵינוּ וְעַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו. הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל.
וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן:

MOURNER

Yis-gad-dal v'yis-kad-dash sh'meh rab-bo, b'ol-mo di'v-ro
chir'-u-seh v'yam-lich mal-chu-seh, b'cha-ye-chon u-v'yo-me-chon
u-v'cha-yeh d'chol bes yis-ro-el, ba-a-go-lo u-viz-man ko-riv,
v'im-ru O-men.

CONGREGATION

Y'heh sh'meh rab-bo m'vo-rach, l'o-lam ul'ol'meh ol-ma-yo.

MOURNER

Yis-bo-rach v'yish-tab-bach, v'yis-po-ar, v'yis-ro-mam, v'yis-nas-seh,
v'yis-had-dor, v'yis-al-leh, v'yis-hal-lol, sh'meh d'kud'-sho, b'rich hu.

L'e-lo min kol bir-cho-so v'shi-ro-so, tush-b'cho-so
v'ne-cho-mo-so, da-a-mi-ron b'ol-mo, v'im-ru O-men.

Y'heh sh'lo-mo rab-bo min sh'ma-yo v'cha-yim, o-le-nu
v'al kol yis-ro-el, v'im-ru O-men.

O-seh sho-lom bim'-ro-mov, hu ya-a-seh sho-lom, o-le-nu v'al kol
yis-ro-el, v'im-ru O-men.

(MOURNERS ARE SEATED)

KIDDUSH קדוש

READER

Let us praise God with this symbol of joy, and thank Him for the blessings of the past week, for life and strength, for home and love and friendship, for the discipline of our trials and temptations, for the happiness that has come to us out of our labors. Thou hast ennobled us, O God, by the blessings of work, and in love hast sanctified us by Sabbath rest and worship as ordained in the Torah: Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath to be hallowed unto the Lord, thy God.

CANTOR AND CHOIR

Composer: Kurt Weill

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
בוֹרֵא פְרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

Praised be Thou, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,
who hast created the fruit of the vine.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה בָּנוּ. וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן
הִנְחִילָנוּ. וּזְכוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם
תְּחִלָּה לְמִקְרָאֵי-קֹדֶשׁ זִכָּר לְיַצִּיאַת מִצְרָיִם. כִּי בָנוּ
בְּחֵרֶת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מְכַל הָעַמִּים. וְשִׁבַּת קִדְּשָׁךְ
בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִלְתָּנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מִקְדֵּשׁ
הַשַּׁבָּת.

אֵין כַּאֲלֵהֵינוּ אַיִן כַּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ

CANTOR, CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Composer: Julius Freudenthal, arranged by K. Scott Warren

אֵין כַּאֲלֵהֵינוּ, אֵין כַּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ,
אֵין כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, אֵין כְּמוֹשֵׁיעֵנוּ.

Ayn kay-lo-hay-nu, Ayn kah-do-nay-nu,
Ayn k'mal-kay-nu, Ayn k'mo-shee-ay-nu.

מִי כַּאֲלֵהֵינוּ, מִי כַּאֲדוֹנֵינוּ,
מִי כְּמִלְכֵנוּ, מִי כְּמוֹשֵׁיעֵנוּ?

Mi khay-lo-hay-nu, mi kha-do-nay-nu,
mi kh'mal-kay-nu, mi kh'mo-shee-ay-nu?

נֹדֶה לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ, נֹדֶה לְאֲדוֹנֵינוּ,
נֹדֶה לְמִלְכֵנוּ, נֹדֶה לְמוֹשֵׁיעֵנוּ.

No-deh lay-lo-hay-nu, no-deh lah-do-nay-nu,
no-deh l'mal-kay-nu, no-deh l'mo-shee-ay-nu.

בְּרוּךְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, בְּרוּךְ אֲדוֹנָינוּ,
בְּרוּךְ מַלְכֵנוּ, בְּרוּךְ מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Ba-rukh E-lo-hay-nu, ba-rukh ah-do-nay-nu,
ba-rukh mal-kay-nu, ba-rukh mo-shee-ay-nu.

אַתָּה הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אַתָּה הוּא אֲדוֹנָינוּ,
אַתָּה הוּא מַלְכֵנוּ, אַתָּה הוּא מוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Atah hu E-lo-hay-nu, Atah hu ah-do-nay-nu,
Atah hu mal-kay-nu, Atah hu mo-shee-ay-nu.

None are like our God; none are like our Eternal One; none are like our Ruler;
none are like our Redeemer. Who is like our God? Who is like our
Eternal One? Who is like our Ruler? Who is like our Redeemer?
Praised be our God; praised be our Eternal One; praised be our Ruler;
praised be our Redeemer. You are our God; You are our Eternal One;
You are our Ruler; You are our Redeemer.

BENEDICTION

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“I’ve always felt that when Rabbi Posner has bestowed the benediction upon us, that he truly was praying for each and every one of us, and gave prayers and blessings for our good health, strength, peace and love.”

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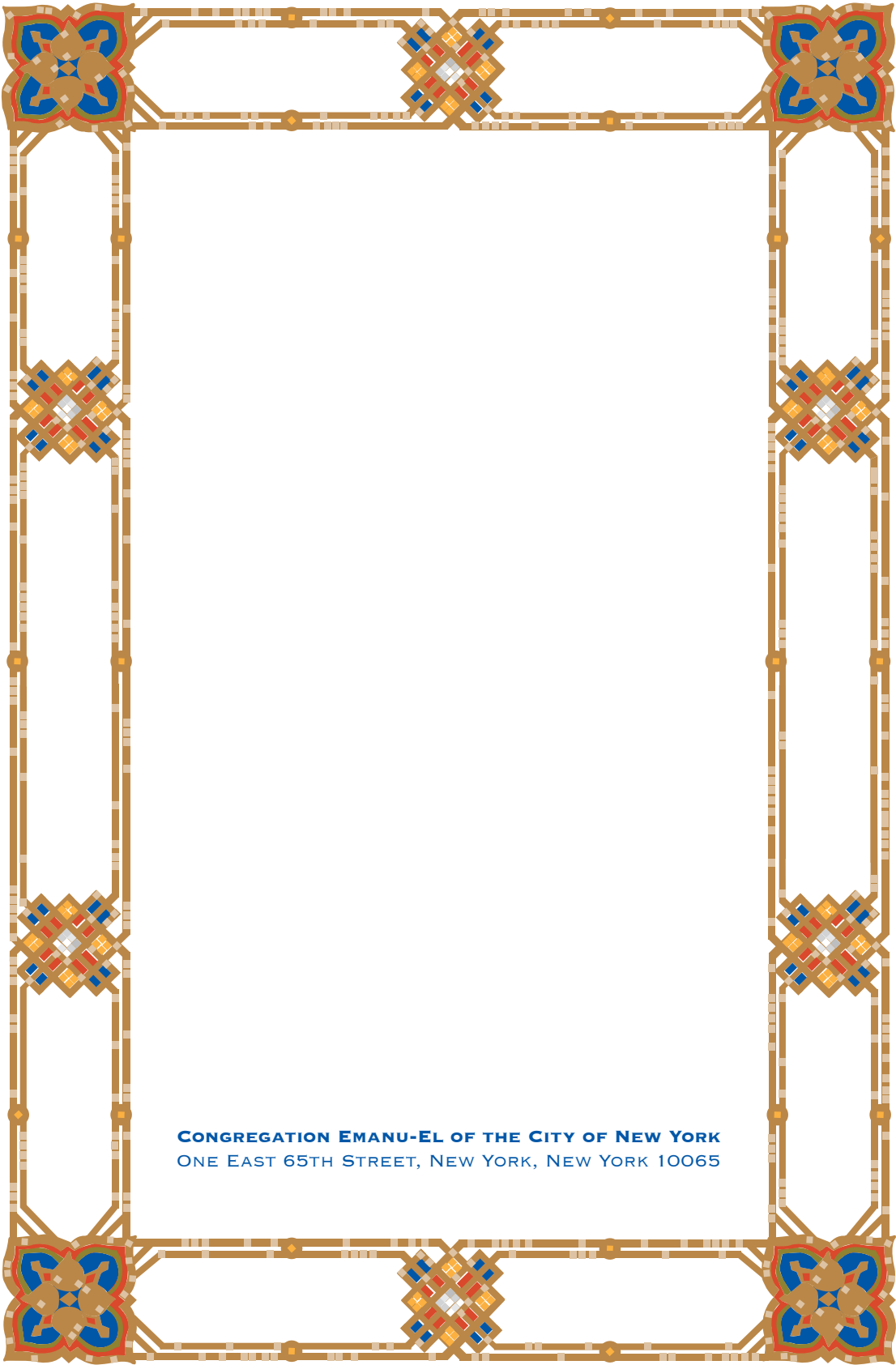


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