Shabbat against Genocide in Palestine

Siddur



The Candles

As the sun sets and Shabbat begins, the candles are lit and these words are recited:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה אַדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶּלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אַשֶּׁר קְדְשָנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתִיו וְצְוְנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶל שַבָּת Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu bemitzvotav vitzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who sanctified us with the commandment of lighting Shabbat candles.

Justice blessing

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשְׁנוּ בִּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְנֵנוּ לִרְדּוֹף צֶדֶק.

Baruch atah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu lirdof tzedek.

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, who shows us paths to holiness and commands us to pursue justice.

MIZMOR SHIR (A song for the Shabbat)

Miz-mor shir l'-yom ha-sha-bbat Tov l'-ho-dot la-a-do-nai U-l'-za-mer l'-shim-cha el-yon U- l'-za-mer l'-shim-cha el-yon

L'- ha-gid ba-bo-ker chas-de-cha V'-e-mu-nat —cha ba-lei-lot-A-lei a-sor va-a-lei-na-vel; a-lei hee-ga-yon b'-ki-nor

Ki si-mach-ta-ni a-do-nai be-fo-a-le-cha; b'-ma'-a-sei ya-de-cha a-ra-nen. Ma-gad-lu ma'-a-se-cha A-do-nai, me-od, am-ku mach-sh'-vo-te-cha. A song of Psalms for the Sabbath day

It is good to give thanks to God and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery;

Upon the harp with a solemn sound For thou, God, hast made me glad through thy work.

I will triumph in the works of thy hands o God how great are thy works!

and thy thoughts are very deep

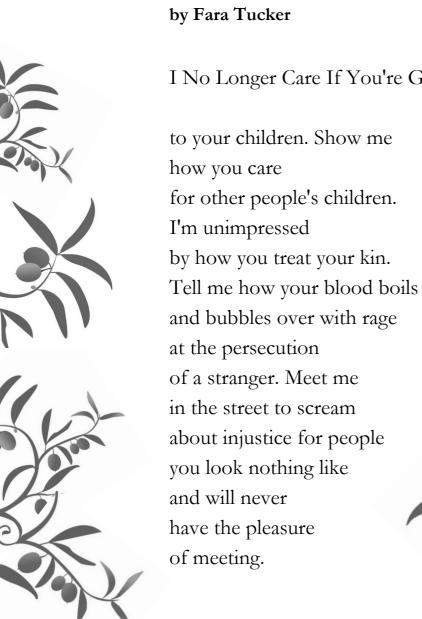
Disturb Us

(Source: Mishkan Tefilah, 173)

Disturb us, Adonai, ruffle us from our complacency; Make us dissatisfied. Dissatisfied with the peace of ignorance, the quietude which arises from a shunning of the horror, the defeat, the bitterness and the poverty, physical and spiritual, of humans. Shock us, Adonai, deny to use the false Shabbat which gives us the delusions of satisfaction amid a world of war and hatred; Wake us, O God, and shake us from the sweet and sad poignancies rendered by half forgotten melodies and rubric prayers of yesteryears...

I No Longer Care if You're Good by Fara Tucker

I No Longer Care If You're Good





"The use of anti-Semitism to browbeat Israeli state opponents is part of a larger reality in which those who do this seek to change the nature of Jewish identity by distinguishing between "real" Jews and the rest (at least some of whom may find themselves accused of being anti-Semites). They also seek to "flatten out" Jewish identity. Jews are no longer, like every other group, a complicated mix of differing opinions and perspectives. complexities of being both an ethnic group and a religion, with which Jews have grappled since the Enlightenment allowed them a choice, are obliterated. Instead, there are only "good" Jews who attach their identity to the Israeli state and "bad" ones who do not. The journalist and writer Nesrine Malik noted a similar "flattening" of Muslim identity:

"There was a time when a Muslim was a much more complicated, much roomier thing to be — inflected with local culture and individual circumstances. Today, you can only be a good Muslim or a bad one. Either a "moderate" or a "radical". Either a Muslim who needs to be saved or a Muslim you need to be saved from."

While Muslim and Jewish current experiences are very different, there are important links, even if they are not easily seen. One link is the way in which those who hold power seek to turn a complex identity in which many perspectives may be heard into a hollowed-out label. The historian, Avi Shlaim, responding to claims that all "real" Jews support the Israeli state, observes: "Ironically, to treat Jews as a homogenous group is in fact an antisemitic trope. It is antisemites who differentiate between different kinds of Jews, and want to see them all clustered in one place. It is on this basis that Theodore Herzl, the visionary of a Jewish state, predicted that "the antisemites will become our most dependable friends."

- Steven Friedman, Good Jew, Bad Jew, 2023, p. 9



Lecha Dodi

Come, my friend, to meet the bride; let us welcome the Sabbath

Lecha dodi likrat kala, p'nei Shabbat n'kab'lah! לכה דודי לקראת כלה פני שבת נקבלה

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad, Hishmi'anu el ha'meyuchad. Adonai echad u'shmo echad; L'shem ul'tiferet v'l'tehila. שמור וזכור בדבור אחד השמיענו אל המיחד יי אחד ושמו אחד לשם ולתפארת ולתהלה

Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'nelcha, Ki hi m'kor ha'bracha. Me'rosh mi'kedem n'sucha; Sof ma'aseh b'mach'shava t'chila. לקראת שבת לכו ונלכה כי היא מקור הברכה מראש מקדם נסוכה סוף מעשה במחשבה תחלה

Hit'oreri, hit'oreri, Ki va orech, kumi ohri. Uri, uri, shir daberi; K'vod Adonai alai'yich nigla. התעוררי התעוררי כי בא אורך קומי אורי עורי עורי שיר דברי כבוד יי עליך נגלה

Bo'ee v'shalom, ateret ba'ala, Gam b'simcha uv' tzhala. Toch emunei am segula; Bo'ee chala, bo'ee chala. בואי בשלום עטרת בעלה גם בשמחה ובצהלה תוך אמוני עם סגלה בואי כלה בואי כלה

[English translation]

From the start, from ancient times she was chosen, Last made, but first planned.

Let's go, my beloved, to meet the bride, Let us welcome the presence of Shabbat.

Rouse yourselves! Rouse yourselves! Your light is coming, rise up and shine. Awaken! Awaken! Utter a song, The glory of God is revealed upon you.

"Safeguard" and "Remember" in a single utterance, We were made to hear by the unified God, God is one and God's Name is one, In fame and splendor and praiseful song.

Come in peace, crown of her husband,
Both in happiness and in jubilation
Amidst the faithful of the treasured nation
Come O Bride! Come O Bride!

To greet Shabbat let's go, let's be gone, For she is the wellspring of blessing,

Until the world starts to care for you

by Ali Sobh (17), 2017, USA

How can I speak for a place I have never been to, Stand up for a country I am not from?

Is it because the heart chooses what to feel? Humanity that binds us, to realise: Your oppression is my problem, Your pain, my pain, Your struggle can have these fists.

I live in America, the land of the free they call it, You live in Palestine, stripped away from land, we know

I wake up to an alarm clock, you wake up to the sound of bombs I wake up to *baba* saying, "Ali, you're going to be late to school", You wake up to *teta* saying, "Habibi, hurry up if you want to live"

I brush my teeth, you brush off the wound
I wash my face, you wash away the blood
I wear my Jordans, you wear your heart on top of your skin
I go to school, you go to war
I watch you on the news, you are the news
I scream "Free Palestine!", you scream "help!"

I scream "Free Palestine!" then I easily forget about you I show up to parties, you show up to funerals I hold an iPhone, you hold caskets

We are both kids of the same age but I am privileged, you are oppressed If we lived in my fantasy, I'd be Peter Pan I'd pick you up and off to Neverland If we lived into a magic world I would turn bombs into your wishes I would turn your broken house into a golden palace Your tears into chocolate syrup so that when they're falling down your cheeks you end up tasting something sweet

I would make Palestine, Palestine once again for you I would turn tanks into stone I would turn guns into plastic I would turn IDF soldiers into Oompa-Loompas, And we would dabke until joy itself became jealous of us

Are somebody worth saving

In a perfect world I would do all these things for you But the world is far from perfect And me, only 17, on the other side of the world, will wake up to an alarm clock And you will once more wake up to the sound of bombs

You will scream "help!", the world will scream "Free Palestine!"
Then check social media
And we will watch that crazy football game
And we will continue to let the system distract us from ever helping you

You scream "help!", we scream "Free Palestine!", then we turn the other way I'll keep getting to live, you'll keep dying Until this world decides
Beautiful boy
That you

A Prayer for Gaza's Children

Adapted from Children, by Bradley Burston (2008) https://opensiddur.org/?p=5783

God who is the creator of all children, hear our prayer this accursed day.

God whom we call Blessed, turn your face to these,

the children of Gaza, that they may know your blessings, and your shelter,

that they may know light and warmth,

where there is now only blackness and smoke,

and a cold which cuts and clenches the skin.

Almighty who makes exceptions, which we call miracles, make an exception of the children of Gaza. Shield them from us. Spare them. Heal them.

Let them stand in safety.

Deliver them from hunger and horror and fury and grief.

Restore to them their stolen childhoods, their birthright, which is a taste of heaven.

Allah, whose name we call Elohim, who gives life, who knows the value and the fragility of every life, send these children your angels. Save them, the children of this place,

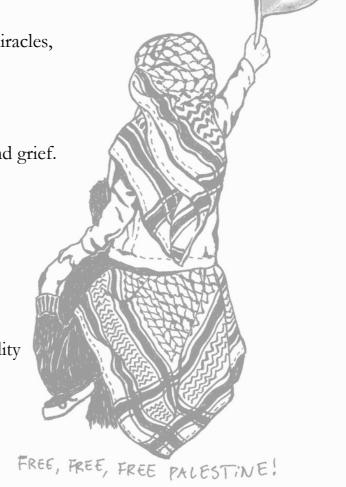
Gaza the most beautiful, and Gaza the damned.

In this day, when the trepidation and rage and mourning that is called war, seizes our hearts and patches them in scars, we call to you, God, whose name is Peace:

Bless these children, and keep them from harm.

Turn Your face toward them. God. Show them, as if for the first time, light and kindness, and overwhelming graciousness.

Look up at them, God. Let them see your face. And, as if for the first time, grant them peace.





"Every person of faith is engaging in an act of interpretation, and choosing what texts to prioritise and how to read and interpret those texts. And my choice is to read that the first and most important thing that we learn about human beings, in the beginning of the Book of Genesis, is that all human beings are created b'tzelem Elohim, in God's own image. And the way that our Rabbis read that, 2000 years ago, was that every single person has infinite worth, that all people are fundamentally equal, and that every single human life has something unique to contribute in this world. That is the core premise, the starting point, for my faith and for my religious life. And I didn't derive that from some 1990s feminist re-reading of the tradition, that comes from the Book of Genesis, chapter one.

And then, if you take a step back, and look at the Five Books of Moses, if you look at our core sacred literature, the Torah, you see that four of the five books of the Torah are dedicated to the experience of our people, the Israelites, walking from out of degradation and enslavement, and barbarity and human cruelty, toward the promised land, on a quest to build a just society. And that story, that core narrative, lives at the heart of every Jewish ritual, every single Jewish holiday, it is at the heart of our prayer services. There's not a morning, afternoon or evening prayer where we don't recall the Exodus from Egypt, and it is delivered not only as a narrative but a narrative that is tied to specific moral action. Which is: you were strangers in the land of Egypt, do not oppress the stranger. You were strangers in the land of Egypt, you know the heart of a stranger. You were strangers in the land of Egypt, you must love the stranger, protect the stranger.

And that is the source of my Jewish faith. Maybe I am reading our tradition wrong, and those extremist, messianic figures, deep in the West Bank, who are teaching soldiers that they need to wipe out the enemy, maybe they're right and I'm wrong. If that's the case, I will have a very hard and honest conversation with the Holy One on the day of judgement."

- Rabbi Sharon Brous, speaking on the Ezra Klein podcast

Beth Miller, political director JVP:

ANTISEMITISM: IT'S THE
DISCRIMINATING AND
TARGETING OR BEING VIOLENT
AGAINST OR DEHUMANIZING OR
STEREOTYPING JEWS BECAUSE
THEY ARE JEWISH. IT IS BIGOTRY
AND HATRED AGAINST JEWS
BECAUSE WE ARE JEWISH.

Beth Miller, political director JVP:

ZIONISM IS THE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY THAT HAS COME TO EXIST IN THIS WORLD. IT'S ONLY EVER EXISTED IN PRACTICE AS THE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY THAT RESULTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JEWISH STATE. BY ANTI-ZIONISM WHAT WE MEAN IS THAT WE ARE OPPOSING THE POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OF ZIONISM THAT'S RESULTED IN THE EXPULSION OF SO MANY PALESTINIANS FROM THEIR LAND, AND THAT HAS CREATED APARTHEID RULE OVER PALESTINIANS, WHERE JEWS ARE GIVEN MORE RIGHTS OVER OTHER PEOPLE LIVING ON THE LAND. WE OPPOSE THAT.

(يوم النكبة) A Jewish Prayer for Nakba Day (הְפַּלֶּה יְהוּדִּית לְיוֹם הַנַּכְּבָּה

Our God, and God of our ancestors,

שענה לאברהם בעת עקדת בנו, who answered Avraham when his son was bound on the altar,[11]

who remembered Sarah's prayers in her tent for a child, משפקד את שרה בפתח אהלה,

and who found Hagar in the wilderness on the road to Shur,[9]

מושמע את צעקת בנה במדבר בַּאֵר שֶבַע, and who heard the cries of her child in the wilderness of Beer Shava,[4]

may He remember our Palestinian brothers and sisters may He remember our Palestinian brothers and sisters

who were killed,

שנעקרו, who were expelled,

who fled,

who were not allowed to return home,

and those who are still at risk of losing their homes.[5]

שמע תפילותיהם May their prayers be heard

so that families be re-united in the land of their ancestors,

and they can return in happiness to their land

and in joy to their homes,[6] מנכתב "בשמחה" לביתם

in the cities, in the villages, and outside the villages.

"וישבתם על הארץ לבטח" May they dwell securely in the land, ש without fear of being uprooted,

, ולעלות בשלום לעיר קודשך, and may they be free to go up to Your holy city

ותן שנגור ביחד. and may we all dwell together

with righteousness and with justice

"ובחסד וברחמים." and with kindness and with mercy.

שים רוח אחוה וחמלה עלינו Help us all to have compassion for one another,

as it is written, "and I will take your heart of stone,

and replace it with a heart of flesh."[10]

"ונאמר "אמן and we will say, amen."

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Lo Yisa Goy

Lo yis-a goy el goy che-rev. Lo yil-m'du od mil-cha-ma

Nation shall not take up sword against nation: They shall never again know war

Poem:

Don't stop after beating the swords into ploughshares, 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 ploughshares first.

- Yehuda Amichai

p. 777, Kol Haneshemah (Wyncote, PA: The Reconstructionist Press, 1996)



We scream Free Free Palestine

by Imān Zanele Omar

We scream Free Free Palestine
Hoping that somehow the world will care this time
That there'd be some kind of intervention from the Divine
Ya Rabb, bring our people justice for decades of zionist crimes

Another Day of devastation Another thousand lives taken

And for what? Land?

How can one claim ownership of land that does not belong to you? That soil was fertilised by the very people you persecute And the world is mute

Our own humanity simply failed us once again Where are our leaders? Silent yet again? So we're left screaming Free Free Palestine, all over again

Hoping someone hears our cries
All these western colonial countries hiding behind
Their cowardly pursuits of greed and lies
Robbing their own people and watching as Palestinians drop like flies
Somewhere along the line our consciousness has died

But still resilience remains
The strength of a people that have nothing left to lose
So they continue to fight despite a common fate - that is the cause they choose

As bright and mighty as the sun
Hear them run
Chanting Free Free Palestine until that is the outcome
And when all is said and done
Freedom will have won

But for now we keep on screaming
Until there's an end to all the killing
But there will be a reckoning day
Where the oppressors will answer for those bodies they slay

But for now we pray:

O Allah, show our people the way

Guide them with the light of your rays

Put their minds at ease

And give their hearts peace

And may we witness the day when Palestine is finally freed!

A Prayer for Reparation and Restoration

To the One who demands justice: inspire us to become *rodfei tzedek*, pursuers of justice in our lives and in our communities. Give us the strength to resist power wielded with fear and dread; fill us with the vision and purpose to build a power yet greater, a power rooted in solidarity, liberation and love.

Grant us the courage to dismantle systems of oppression – and when they are no more, let us dedicate our wealth and resources toward the well-being of all.

May we abolish all forms of state violence by Rabathat we might make way for a world free of racism and militarisation, a world where no one profits off the misery of others, a world where the bills owed those who have been colonised, enslaved and dispossessed are finally paid in full.

Inspire us with the knowledge that real justice is indeed at hand, that we may realise the world we know is possible, right here, right now, in our own day.

May our thoughts and our hopes, our words and our deeds guide us toward a future of reparation, of restoration, of justice, al kol yoshvei teivel for all who dwell on earth, amen.

(Source: <u>Yedid Nefesh</u>: Poetry and Liturgy by Rabbi Brant Rosen JVP Rabbinic Council)

Od yavo/Salaam

Od yavo shalom aleinu Od yavo shalom aleinu Od yavo shalom aleinu Ve'al kulam

Salaam Aleinu ve'al kol ha'olam Salaam, Salaam Peace will come upon us, yet.
Peace will come upon us, yet.
Peace will come upon us, yet.
And upon everyone.

Peace.
Upon us and upon the whole world.
Peace, peace.

עוד יבוא שלום עלינו עוד יבוא שלום עלינו עוד יבוא שלום עלינו ועל כולם

סלאם עלינו ועל כל העולם סלאם, סלאם

If I must die

by Refaat Alareer

(23-09-1979 - 06-12-2024)

Refaat Alareer was a Palestinian professor, writer and poet who was killed by an Israeli airstrike in Gaza on the 6th of December 2024. He wrote and published this poem on the 1st of November 2024, just over a month before he was killed.

If I must die, you must live to tell my story to sell my things to buy a piece of cloth and some strings, (make it white with a long tail) so that a child, somewhere in Gaza while looking heaven in the eye awaiting his dad who left in a blazeand bid no one farewell not even his flesh not even to himself sees the kite, my kite you made, flying up above and thinks for a moment an angel is in there bringing back love If I must die let it bring hope let it be a tale

Mourner's Kaddish (Aramaic Transliteration)

ַרַבָּא שָׁמֵהּ יִתִקַדַשׁ יִתִגַּדַל[אמן] Glorified and santified by God's great name.....)

Yitgadal v'yitkadsh sh'mei raba b'alma di-v'ra chirutei v'yamlich malchutei

B'chayeichon uvyomeichon uvchayei d'chol ha-olam,

ba'agala uvizman kariv, v'im'ru: AMEN

Y'hei sh'mei raba m'varach l'alam ul'almei almaya.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach, v'yitpa'ar v'yitroman v'yitnaseh,

V'yithadar v'yit'aleh v'yithalal sh'mei d'kud'sha, b'rich hu,

L'eila min-kol-birchata v'shirata, tushb'chata v'nechemata –

da'amiran b'alma, v'im'ru: AMEN

Y'hei shlama raba min-sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al-kol-haolam, v'im'ru: AMEN

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu

v'al kol-haolam, v'imru: AMEN

Let the glory of God be extolled, let God's great name be hallowed in the world whose creation God willed. My God's sovereignty will soon prevail, in our own day, our own lives, and the life of all in the world, and let us say: Amen Let God's great name be blessed for ever and ever. Let the name of the Holy One, blessed be God, be glorified, exalted, and honored, though God is beyond all the praises, songs, and adorations that we can utter, and let us say: Amen. For us and for all of the world, may the blessing of peace and the promise of life come true, and let us say: Amen. May God who causes peace to reign in the high heavens, let peace descend on us, on all the world, and let us say: Amen. May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved. And let us say: Amen

Shalom Aleichem

Shalom aleichem mal'achei ha-sharet mal'achei Elyon, mi-melech malchei ha-milachim ha-kadosh Baruch Hu. שָׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁרֵת מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֵּלֵךְ מַלְכֵי הַמִּלָּכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא

Bo'achem le-shalom mal'achei ha-shalom mal'achei Elyon, mi-melech malchei ha-milachim ha-kadosh Baruch Hu. בּוֹאֲכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא

Barchuni le-shalom mal'achei ha-shalom mal'achei Elyon, mi-melech malchei ha-milachim ha-kadosh Baruch Hu. בָּרְכוּנִי לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֶךְ מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא

Tzeitchem le-shalom mal'achei ha-shalom mal'achei Elyon, mi-melech malchei ha-milachim ha-kadosh Baruch Hu. צֵאתְכֶם לְשָׁלוֹם מַלְאֲכֵי הַשָּׁלוֹם מַלְאָכֵי עֶלְיוֹן מִמֶּלֵךְ מַלְכֵי הַמִּלָּכִים הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא

[English translation]

Peace upon you, ministering angels, messengers of the Most High, Majesty of majesties, Holy One of blessing.

Bless me with peace, messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, Majesty of majesties, Holy One of blessing.

Come in peace, messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, Majesty of majesties, Holy One of blessing.

Go in peace, messengers of peace, messengers of the Most High, Majesty of majesties, Holy One of blessing.

before the meal...

Kiddush: Wine or Grape Juice

raise the cup and recite:

בָּרוּך אַתָּה אַדָנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, borei peri hagafen.

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

Motzei: Challah

recited over two loaves of bread or challah:

בָּרוּך אַתָּה אַדָנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶך הָעוֹלָם הָמוֹציא לֶחם מן הַארץ

Barukh ata Adonai, Eloheinu Melekh ha-olam, hamotzee lehem min ha'aretz.

Blessed are You, God, Ruler of the universe, Who creates bread from the earth.







Thank you for joining our Shabbat against Genocide in Palestine!