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אֲשֶׁרִי אָדָם מְצָא חֵכְמָה	Contented is the person who finds wisdom
וְאָדָם יִפְיֵק תְּבוּנָה.	The person who attains understanding
כִּי טוֹב סְחָרָה מִסָּחָר כֶּסֶף	Her value in trade is better than silver
וּמְחָרוֹץ תְּבוּאָתָה	Her yield, greater than gold
יְקָרָה הִיא מִפְּנִינִים	She is more precious than rubies
וְכָל חֲפְצֶיךָ לֹא יִשְׁווּ בָּהּ	All of your goods cannot equal her
אֶרֶץ יָמִים בְּיְמִינָהּ	In her right hand is length of days
בְּשִׁמְאֹלָהּ עֶשֶׂר וְכָבוֹד	In her left, true worth, riches and honor
דְּרָכֶיהָ דְּרָכֵי נֵעִם	Her ways are pleasant ways
וְכָל נְתִיבֹתֶיהָ שְׁלוֹם	And all her paths, peaceful
עֵץ חַיִּים הִיא לַמְחַזְקִים בָּהּ	She is a tree of life to those who grasp her
וְתִמְכֶיהָ מֵאֲשֶׁר.	And whoever holds on to her is contented.

Rooted deeply in the Earth, yet patiently seeking the sun
Emerging shoots bask in warmth and light and grow thicker
Flowers and leaves add precious beauty
yet remind us of impermanence
We embrace the welter of life knowing the colors will fade

*The Tree of Life is the essence that sustains us
The Tree of Life honors the past and nurtures
the future*

Memory and wisdom shelter in its encircling branches
Protected, we venture forth. We till the soil and
harvest the bounty
Nourished, arms muscle up, bearing the weight of time
the burden of knowledge
Connections mingle, sap flows and enriches the brew
We teach our children, patterns and links form fresh shapes
balance is restored

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It is enough to rest in the shade of the arbor.

עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה
ותמכיה מאשר.
דרכיה דרכי נעם
וכל נתיבותיה שלום.

She is a tree of life to those who grasp her
And whoever holds on to her is content
Her ways are pleasant ways
And all her paths, peaceful.



As we celebrate Shabbat together, we pause for a moment of separation, to stand alone, to turn inward, to reflect and remember. We recall those we have lost, members of our families, beloved friends, those whose lives have touched ours and who are no longer with us.

We allow ourselves to wander quietly back in time, hearing again the sound of their voices, feeling comfort in the ongoing connection of their lives to ours. We want to hold time captive, to erase the steely distance between their time and ours. Although they are no longer present, we hold them close through memories of the past, shared experiences and hopes for the future. We understand that their lives give shape and color to our own.

*Together, we grieve for the part of us that is gone
We feel the absence and the presence
Like spreading seeds of energy
A relationship that can never end.*



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