

Yom Kippur: L'-Taqqen Ha-Olam

A Day of Purification: To Improve the World

"Kol Nidrei": Maba'ei Kayvanah

"All Vows": Expressions of Intent

On "Missing the Mark" - Forgiveness & the Improvement of the World
Al Het - Siltah v'-Tiqqun ha-Olam (inspired by the 'Al Het' & the 'v'lot' penitential prayers).

We must each forgive ourselves and one another
for every misguided act,
whether one of doing wrong or not doing right,
whether one chosen or forced, open or hidden, conscious or not.

We must each forgive ourselves and one another
for every misguided act -
of hardening our hearts, or harming another living being;
for every misguided act -
of dishonesty or greed, of arrogance or egotism.

We must each forgive ourselves and one another
for contributing to suffering and injustice, and
for not doing our best in taking action to stop suffering and injustice -
experienced by our family or friends, our neighbors or co-workers,
experienced by the poor or disabled,
the marginalized or disregarded, the young and the old;
suffering and injustice
experienced by women and queens;
experienced by Native Americans and Blacks,
by Palestinians and Israelis;
experienced by all oppressed, exploited, or vilified people.

We must each forgive ourselves and one another -
for not doing as much as we can to save this beautiful planet
and all the living beings with whom we dwell;
for not working diligently and concretely
for balance and integrity
in our ecology, our society, and our selves.

We must each forgive ourselves and one another
for expecting others to take action, solve problems, or create beauty,
for not mustering our imagination, passion, and self-discipline -
for not actively stretching ourselves -
to move toward our ideals and dreams.

For each of these and for so many other misguided acts:
let us be balanced and constructive in our self-evaluations;
let us be even-handed with others,
even those with whom we encounter conflicts;
let each of us forgive ourselves and one another;
and let us strive to improve ourselves and our world.

Al het v'ei kol het,
nisleh na' f-same-nu v'-nisleh zah f-zeh.
Ta'azor la-nu ha-s'ijah ha-zot
le'avod f-ma'an tiggun ha-glam.

For misguided action & for every wrong,
let us forgive ourselves and one another.

May such forgiveness help us
to work for the improvement of the world.

Memorial

A human being to a breath is similar; one's days like a passing shadow.
'Adam la-hevel damah; yamav k'tsel over. (Tiqum / Psalms 144.4)

We acknowledge losing our loved ones, & celebrate the goodness of the lives they lived. Let us also be mindful of those who have died without anyone remembering them with love or honor - those who died in genocides, wars, or epidemics, in disasters, poverty, or alienation.

A Remembrance of Righteous Action for Blessing Zekhar Ts'daqah LiV'rakhah

"There are stars whose light reaches the earth only after they themselves have disintegrated and are no more. And there are people whose scintillating memory lights the world after they have passed from it. The lights which shine in the darkest night are those which illumine for us the path...."

"Blessed is the match that's consumed in kindling a flame.
Blessed is the flame that burns in the secret depths of the heart."

(Hannah Szenes or Senesh, 1921-44, Jewish poet and anti-fascist resistance fighter killed by the Nazis, quoted in Reconstructionist prayerbook series from Reconstructionist Press, respective passages from *Kol Haneshama: Shabbat Vajegim*, 1995, p 4; and *Kol Haneshama: Livot Hol*, 1990, p52a)

As the days and years go by,
we remember our loved ones who have died.
May the beauty of their lives shine
from generation to generation like flickering flames,
and may our lives always bring honor to their memory.
'Amen.

Naming of Those Mourned Hazkarat Neshamot (literally "Memorial of Souls")

We find these words in the Diary of Ann Frank:

"I hear the approach of thunder.
I can feel the suffering of millions.
And yet, I think it will come out alright, one of these days.
That this cruelty will end, and peace and tranquility will return again.
In the meantime, I must hold on to my ideals,
For perhaps the day will come when I shall be able to carry them out."

Ha-Yamim Hoiphim - The Days Go By (Hebrew folk song)

Ha-yamim hoiphim, shana overet,
'aval ha-man'ginah tamid nigheret.
The days go by, a year passes,
but the melody remains.

Ha-yamim hoiphim, shana overet,
'aval ha-'ahavah tamid nigheret.
The days go by, a year passes,
but the love remains.

Ha-yamim hoiphim, shana overet,
'aval ha-havrayah tamid nigheret.
The days go by, a year passes,
but the friendship remains.

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