Religious School Morning Service

This Martin Luther King Junior weekend, we celebrate *Shabbat Tzedek – 50 years in pursuit of justice with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism*. Jews have been dedicated to the pursuit of *tikkun olam* or “repair of the world” for as long as we have been a people. During the time of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement, the Reform Jewish community organized in the pursuit of *tikkun olam*. Today we continue that tradition, working as individuals and communities to repair our broken world – protecting the earth, helping the poor and making sure all people are treated equally.

As we worship together today, our songs and readings will focus on how we can work together to make the world a better place for all people to live.

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If I Had a Hammer

By Lee Hays and Pete Seeger, Song #267 in Shireinu Chordster [www.etranscon.com](http://www.etranscon.com)

If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
    All over this land.
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out warning
I'd hammer out love between
my brothers and my sisters
    All over this land.

If I had a song
I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening
    All over this land.
I'd sing out danger
I'd sing out warning
I'd sing out love between
my brothers and my sisters
    All over this land.

Well I've got a hammer
    And I've got a bell
And I've got a song to sing
    All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between
my brothers and my sisters
    All over this land.
Mah Tovu

Mah tovu ohalecha Yaakov, mishk’notecha Yisrael!

Vaani, b’rov chas’d’cha avo veitech, eshtachaveh el heichal kodsh’cha b’yiratecha.
Adonai, ahavti m’on beitech, um’kom mishkan k’vodecha.
Vaani eshtachaveh v’echraah, evr’cha lifnei Adonai osi.

Vaani t’filati l’cha, Adonai, eit ratzon.
Elohim, b’rov chasdecha, aneini be-emet yishecha.

How fair are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings, O Israel! (Num. 24:5)
I, through Your abundant love, enter Yourhouse; I bow down in awe at Your holy temple. (Ps.5:8)
Adonai, I love Your temple abode, the dwelling-place of Your glory. (Ps. 26:8)
I will humbly bow down low before Adonai, my Maker. (based on psalm 96)
As for me, may my prayer come to You, Adonai, at a favorable time. O God, in Your abundant faithfulness, answer me with Your sure deliverance. (Ps.69:14)

For the Soul

Elohai, n’shama shenatata bi t’horah hi!
Atah b’rata, atah y’tzarta atah n’fachta bi,
V’atah m’shamra b’kirbi.
Baruch atah, Adonai, asher b’yado nefesh kol-chai
v’ruach kol-b’sar-ish.

My God, the soul that You have given me is pure! You created it, You fashioned it, You have breathed it into me, and You protect it within me. Blessed are You, Adonai, in Whose hands are the souls of all life and the spirits of all flesh.

After participating in the civil rights march in Selma, Alabama, Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of this century’s great religious figures and a close colleague of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, said, “It felt like my feet were praying.” Prayer is not just the communication we have with God; it is also the work we do to make God’s values real to the world. I think God listens to both kinds of prayer with equal joy. – Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
~~ Please rise ~~

**Sh'ma and its Blessings**

**Bar’chu – Call to Worship**

Bar’chu et Adonai ham’vorach!
Baruch Adonai ham’vorach l’olam va-ed!

Praised Adonai, to whom praise is due forever!
Praised be Adonai, to whom praise is due, now and forever!

**Yotzer Or – Creation**

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha’olam,
yotzei or uvorei choshech, oseh shalom uvorei
et hakol. Hamei-ir laaretz v’ldarim aleha
b’rachamim, uv’tuvo m’chadeish b’chol yom tamid
maaseih v’reishit. Mah rabu maasecha, Adonai,
kulam b’chochmah asita, mal’ah haaretz
kinyanicha.
Titbarach, Adonai Eloheinu, al shevach maaseih
yadecha, v’al m’oreim or she’asita y’faarucha. Selah.
Baruch atah, Adonai, yotzei ham’orot.

Praised are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of light and darkness, who makes peace
and fashions all things. In mercy, You illumine the world and those who live upon it. In Your goodness
You daily renew creation. How numerous are Your works, Adonai! In wisdom, You formed them all, filling
the earth with Your hands, and for the lights You created, may they glorify You. Shine a new light upon Zion,
that we all may swiftly merit its radiance. Praised are You, Adonai, Creator of all heavenly lights.

A rabbi and a soap-maker once went for a walk together. The soap-maker said to the rabbi: “What good is
Judaism? After thousands of years of teaching about goodness, truth, justice, and peace, after all the study
of Torah, and all the fine ideals of the Prophets, look at all the trouble and misery in the world! If Judaism is
so wonderful and true, why should all this be so?”

The rabbi said nothing. They continued walking until he noticed a child playing in the gutter. The child was
filthy with soot and grime. “Look at that child,” said the rabbi. “You say that soap makes people clean, but
see the dirt on that youngster. What good is soap? With all the soap in the world, that child is still filthy. I
wonder if soap is of any use at all.”

The soap-maker protested and said, “But, Rabbi, soap can’t do any good unless it is used!”

“Exactly!” cried the rabbi. “So it is with Judaism. It isn’t effective unless it is applied in daily life and used!”
Sh'ma

Sh’ma Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad.
Baruch shem k’vod malchuto l’olam va-ed.

~~ All are seated ~~

V’ahavta et Adonai Elohecha,
b’chol l’vavcha uv’chol na’af’sh’cha uv’chol m’odecha.
V’hayu had’vevarim ha-eileh
asher anochi m’tzav’cha hayom al l’vavecha.
V’shinantam l’vanecha v’dibarta bam
b’shit’cha b’veitecha uv’lecht’cha vaderech
uv’shochb’cha uv’kumecha.
Uk’shartam l’ot al yadecha
v’hayu l’totafot bein einecha.

Uch’tvantam al m’zuzot beitecha uvish’arecha.
L’maan tizk’ru vasaitem el kol mitzvotai
Vih’yitem k’doshim l’Eloheichem. Ani Adonai
Eloheichem asher hotzeiti et’chem mei-eretz Mitzrayim
lih’yot lachen l’Elohim ani Adonai Eloheichem.

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! (Deut. 6:4). Blessed is God’s glorious majesty forever and ever!
You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might.
Take to heart these instructions with which I charge you this day. Impress them upon your children.
Recite them when you stay at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.
Bind them as a sign on your hand and let them serve as a symbol on your forehead;
inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
Thus you shall remember to observe all My commandments and to be holy to your God.
I am Adonai, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am Adonai your God.
(Deuteronomy 6:5-9, Numbers 15:40-41).

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.’

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963
Mi Chamocha – Redemption

Mi chamocha ba-eilim, Adonai! Mi kamocha, nedar bakodesh, nora t'hilot, oseih fele!

Malchut'cha ra-u vanecha, bokei-a yam lifnei Moshe (u Miryam);
Zeh Eli, anu v'amru:
Adonai yimloch l’olam va’ed!


Who is like You, O God, among the gods that are worshipped? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders? (Exodus 15:11)

Your children witnessed Your sovereignty, the sea splitting before Moses and Miryam.
“This is our God!” They cried. “Adonai will reign forever and ever!” (Exodus 15:2, 18)

Thus it is said, “Adonai redeemed Jacob, from a hand stronger than his own.” (Jeremiah 31:10). Praised are You, Adonai, for redeeming Yisrael.

~~ Please rise ~~

Amidah

Adonai, s’fatai tiftach, ufi yagid t’hilatecha.

Adonai, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise. – Psalm 51:17

Avot v’Imahot


Melech ozeir umoshia umagen.
Baruch atah, Adonai, magein Avraham v’ezrat Sarah.
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, God of our fathers and mothers:
God of Abraham, God of Isaac, and God of Jacob;
God of Sarah, God of Rebecca, God of Rachel and God of Leah.
the great, mighty and awesome God, transcendent God, 
who bestows loving kindness, creates everything out of love, remembers the love of our fathers and mothers, and brings redemption to their children’s children
for the sake of the Divine Name. Sovereign, Deliverer, Helper and Shield,
Blessed are You, Adonai, Sarah’s Helper, Abraham’s Shield.

G’vurot

Atah gibor l’olam Adonai, m’chayeih hakol atah, 
rav l’hoshia. M’chalkeil chayim b’chesed, 
m’chayeih hakol b’rachamim rabim, 
someich nofilm, v’rofei cholim, umatir asurim, 
un’kayeim emunato lisheinei afar.
Mi chamocha baal g’vurot, umi domeh lach, 
melech meimit um’chayeih umatzmiach y’shuah? 
V’ne-eman atah l’hachayot hakol. 
Baruch atah, Adonai, m’chayeih hakol.

You are forever mighty, O God; You give life to all. You sustain life through love, giving life to all through great 
compassion, supporting the fallen, healing the sick, freeing the captive, keeping faith with those who sleep 
in the dust. Who is like You, Source of mighty acts? Who resembles You, a Sovereign who takes and gives life, 
causing deliverance to spring up and faithfully giving life to all? Blessed are You, Adonai, Who gives life to all.

K’dushah

N’kadeish et shimcha baolam k’sheim shemakdishim 
oto bish’mei marom kakatuv al yad n’vi-echa 
v’kara zeh el zeh v’amar:

Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh Adonai 
z’t’vaot, m’lo chol haaretz k’vodo.

Adir adireinu, Adonai Adoneinu, 
mah adir shimcha b’chol haaretz.

Baruch k’vod Adonai mimkomo.
Echod hu Eloheinu, hu Avinu,  
hu Malkeinu, Hu moshi-einu, v’hu 
yashmi-einu b’rachamav l’einei kol chai  
Ani Adonai Eloheichem.

Yimloch Adonai l’olam, Elohayich Tziyon l’dor vador hal’luyah.

L’dor vador nagid godlecha ul’neitzach  
n’tzachim k’dushat-cha nakdish, v’shivchacha Eloheinu,  
mipinu lo yamush l’olam va-ed

Baruch Atah, Adonai, Ha-El hakadosh.

Let us sanctify Your Name on earth, as it is sanctified in the heavens above. As it is written by
Your prophet: Holy, holy, holy is Adonai Tz’vaot! God’s presence fills the whole earth. Source of our strength,
Sovereign One, how majestic is Your presence in all the earth! Blessed is the presence of God,
shining forth from where God dwells. God alone is our God and our Creator, our Ruler and our Helper;
and in mercy, God is revealed in the sight of all the living: I am Adonai your God! Adonai shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, from generation to generation, Hallelujah!

Sim Shalom

Sim shalom tovah uv’racha, chein vachedes  
v’rachamim, aleinu v’al kol Yisrael amecha.

Bar’cheinu, avinu, kulanu k’eched b’or panecha,  
ki v’or panecha natata lanu, Adonai Eloheinu, Torat  
chayim v’ahavat chesed, u’tzdakah uv’rachah  
v’rachamim v’chayim v’shalom. V’tov b’einecha  
l’vareich et amcha Yis’rael b’chol eit uv’chol shaah  
bish’omecha. Baruch atah, Adonai, ham’vareich et  
amo Yisrael bashalom.

Grant peace, goodness and blessing, grace, kindness and mercy, to us and to all Your people Israel.
Bless us, our Creator, all of us together, through the light of Your Presence.
Truly through the light of Your Presence, Adonai our God, You gave us a Torah of life –
the love of kindness, justice and blessing, mercy, life, and peace.
May You see fit to bless Your people Israel at all times, at every hour, with Your peace.

~ Please pray silently ~
Yih’yu L’ratzon

Y’hiyu l’ratzon imrei fi v’hegyon libi l’fanecha,
Adonai tzuri v’go-ali.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You,
Adonai, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:15).

Oseh Shalom

Oseh shalom bimromav, hu yaaseh shalom
aleinu v’al kol Yisrael v’imru: Amen.

May the One who makes peace in the high heavens make peace for us, for all Israel,
And all who inhabit the earth. Amen.

Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands. – Anne Frank

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When you see something that is broken, fix it. When you find something that is lost, return it. When you see something that needs to be done, do it. In that way, you will take care of your world and repair creation. If all the people were to do so, our world would truly be a Garden of Eden, the way God meant it to be.
– Lawrence Kushner

Mi Shebeirach – For Healing

Words by Debbie Friedman

Mi shebeirach avoteinu M’kor hab’rachah
l’imoteinu.

May the source of strength
who blessed the ones before us,
help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,
and let us say, Amen.

Mi shebeirach imoteinu M’kor hab’rachah
laavoteinu.

Bless those in need of healing with r’fuah sh’leimah,
The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
and let us say, Amen.
~ Please rise ~

Aleinu

Aleinu l’shabei-ach laadon hakol, lateit g’dulah
l’yotze b’reishit, shelo asanu k’goeyi haaratztot, v’lo
samunu k’mishp’chot haadamah. Shelo sam
chelkeinu kahem, v’goraleinu k’chol hamonam.
Vaanachnu kor’im umishtachavim umodim lifnei
Melech mal’chei hamlachim, HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

Let us now praise the Sovereign of the universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator who has
set us apart from the other families of the earth, giving us a destiny unique among the nations.
We bend the need and bow, acknowledging the supreme Sovereign, the Holy One of Blessing.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending
spiral of destruction. - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963

On this Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial weekend, we remember all of those, including Dr. King, who lost
their lives in the struggle for civil rights and the fight for a better world.

Mourner’s Kaddish

Yitgadal v’yitkadash sh’mei raba.
B’alma di v’ra chirutei, v’yamlich malchutei
b’chayeichon uv’yomeichon uv’chaye d’chol beit
ysisrael, baagalah uviz’man kariv, V’im’ru: Amen.

Y’hei sh’mei raba m’varach l’alam u’lalmei almaya.

Yitbarach v’yishtabach v’yitpaar v’yitromam
v’yitnasei v’yit’hadar v’yitaleh v’yit’halal sh’meih
d’Kud’sha, B’rich Hu, l’eila min kol birchata

v’shirata tushb’chata v’nechemata daamiran
b’alma. V’imru: Amen.
Y’hei sh’lama raba min sh’maya v’chayim aleinu
v’al kol Yisrael v’imru: Amen.

Oseh shalom bimromav, Hu yaaseh shalom

Yehe Sh’mei Rabba pemikim. Hu She’ele Shalor
Sh’lema,R’kham, V’imru: Amen.

Yehe Sh’mei Rabba pemikim. Hu She’ele Shalor
Sh’lema,R’kham, V’imru: Amen.

Yehe Sh’mei Rabba pemikim. Hu She’ele Shalor
Sh’lema,R’kham, V’imru: Amen.
Exhausted and hallowed be God’s great name in the world which God created, according to plan.
May God’s majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel—speedily, imminently, to which we say Amen. Blessed be God’s great name to all eternity.
Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise and comfort. To which we say Amen.
May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say Amen.
May the one who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.

May the Source of peace send peace to all who mourn, and comfort to all who are bereaved. Amen.

~ All are seated ~

Concluding Readings & Songs

Not By Might
by Debbie Friedman

Not by might, and not by power
But by spirit alone
Shall we all live in peace.
The children sing
The children dream
And their tears may fall
But we'll hear them call
And another song will rise (3x).

Chorus

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Hineih Mah Tov

Hineih mah tov u’mah na-im shevet achim gam yachad.

How good and how pleasant it is that brothers/sisters dwell together.

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L’Taken (The Na Na Song)
Words by R. Klotz, Music: Dan Nichols

Na na na na na na...

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech haolam
Shenatan lanu hizdamnut l’takein et ha’olam.

Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of the universe,
for giving us the opportunity to mend the world.
Make Those Waters Part
By Doug Mishkin, Shireinu, Song #106, www.etranscon.com

Let us retell the story of our struggle for the promised land
Let us remember how freedom is won so our children will understand
Once we were slaves in Egypt, our people and our land were apart
But when Moses stood before that troubled sea, he could
Make those waters part

Once we were slaves in America, we were given white men’s names
They scattered our families, they shattered our lives, while they kept us bound in chains
Then we marched strong in Selma, we looked the racists right in the heart
And when Martin stood before that troubled sea, he could
Make those waters part

Somewhere tonight lives a free man
Somewhere else freedom’s just a song of the heart
We must find the river flowing between them
And we must make those waters part

Now we are slaves in our own time
The many at the hands of the few
And we who’ve crossed the sea of slavery before

Must remember what we must do
In the name of the falsely imprisoned
In the name of all the homeless at heart
In the name of all the history that binds us
We must make those waters part

Somewhere tonight lives a free man
Somewhere else freedom’s just a song of the heart
We must find the river flowing between them
And we must make those waters part

Troubled seas rising around us
Sometimes the Promised Land seems hidden from view
So we retell these stories, that’s how we start
To make those waters part.