

Torah Portion: Chol HaMo-eid Pesach, Exodus 33:12-34:26 Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Shir Hashirim 1:1-4

Georgian Chant Arranged by Lazar Saminsky

שִׁיר הַשִּׁירָים אֲשֶׁר לִשְׁלֹמָה: יִשְׁקַנְּיֹ מִנְּשִׁירָוֹת בִּּיהוּ בֵּי־טוֹבַים דֹדֻידְ מִנְיָן: לְרִיחַ שְׁמֵנִידְ טוֹבִים שֵׁמֶן תּוּרֵק שְׁמֶדְ עַל־כֵּן עַלָמִוֹת אֲהַבִּוּדְ: מְשְׁכֵנִי אַחֲרֵידְ נְרָוּצְה הֶבִיאַנִי הַמֶּלֶדְ חֲדָרָיו נָגְילָה וְנִשְׁמְחָה בִּדְ נַזְבְּוּדְ

Shir hashirim asher lishlomo.

Yishakeini minshikot pihu ki tovim dodecha miyayin. L'reiach sh'manecha tovim shemen turak sh'mecha al kein alamot aheivucha.

Moshcheini acharecha narutza heviani hamelech chadarav nagila v'nism'cha bach nazkira dodecha miyayin meisharim aheivucha.

The Song of Songs, by Solomon.

Oh, give me of the kisses of your mouth, For your love is more delightful than wine.

Your ointments yield a sweet fragrance, Your name is like finest oil — Therefore do maidens love you.

Draw me after you, let us run! The king has brought me to his chambers. Let us delight and rejoice in your love, Savoring it more than wine — Like new wine they love you!

An Urgent Prayer for the Protection of Human Life (adapted)

אֱלהֵינוּ, אֱלהֵי כָל בָּשָׂר

Eloheinu, Elohei Chol Basar... Our God, God of all human beings, who created each person with a spark of the Divine, we pray for the urgent protection of human life.

May the destruction of innocent life come to an end. May the ruin that comes from war cease now. May each life be treated as a sacred treasure, as You have intended.

In a time of growing darkness, grant us the strength to be beacons of light,

defenders of the vulnerable, and champions of justice. May our hearts be filled with compassion, our minds with wisdom,

and our hands with action,

as we strive to safeguard the dignity and well-being of all Your children.

May none stand idly by the blood of any other.

For we know that

the lives, security and peace of us all –

Jew, Muslim and Christian;

Israeli and Palestinian,

are bound up with each other, all as one.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה הי שׁוֹמֵעַ תְּפִלָה

Baruch atah Adonai shomeyah t'filah Blessed are You Adonai, who hears our urgent prayers.