The Installation of Senior Rabbi Susan N. Shankman



זָה־הַיּוֹם עֲשָׂה יְיָ נָגִילָה וְנִשְׂמְחָה בוֹ

This is the day which God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Psalm 118:24

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Welcome

As these candles give light to all who behold them, so may we, by our lives, give light to all who behold us. As their brightness reminds us of the generations of Israel who have kindled light, so may we, in our own day, be among those who kindle light.

בְּרוּדָ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אַשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצְוְנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת. Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the light of Shabbat.

Shiru lAdonai shir chadash, shiru lAdonai kol haaretz. Shiru lAdonai barchu sh'mo, basru miyom l'yom y'shuato. Sapru vagoyim k'vodo, b'chol haamim nifl'otav. Ki gadol Adonai um'hulal m'od, nora hu al kol elohim. שִׁירוּ לַיָּיָ שִׁיר חָדָשׁ שִׁירוּ לַיִי כָּל הָאָרָץ. שִׁירוּ לַייָ בָּרְכוּ שְׁמוֹ בַּשְׂרוּ מִיּוֹם לְיוֹם יְשוּעָתוֹ. סַפְּרוּ בַגּוֹיִם כְּבוֹדוֹ בְּכָל הָעַמִים נִפְלְאוֹתָיו. כִּי גָדוֹל יְיָ וּמְהַלָּל מְאד נוֹרָא הוּא עַל כָּל אֱלהִים.

Sing to Adonai a new song, sing to Adonai, all the earth. Sing to Adonai, bless God's name, proclaim God's victory day after day. Tell of God's glory among the nations, God's wondrous deeds, among all peoples. For Adonai is great and much acclaimed, God is held in awe by all divine beings.

Come Beloved

If you listen, Listen. If you listen you will hear Shabbat descend from her distant place, Gently clearing the air Of the steady buzz of the mundane, Gently inviting you to stillness, Gently preparing the space For the arrival of holiness.

If you listen, Listen. If you listen you will hear The arrival of luminous wonder, A radiance of glory that touches your heart, So that love pulses through your veins. The gates of your soul burst open, you run through them, skipping, singing,

מַהֵר אָהוּב

Maheir ahuv, Hurry, beloved... How long since your hands touched mine, How long since your lips brushed These tired eyes, How long since I rested in you.

כִּי בָא מוֹעֵד

Ki va moeid, For the time has come, The time has come to reunite. And tears of surrender, Shimmering with the taste of honey, Will pour through you like grace from God's ancient well. **וְחָנֵנוּ כִּימֵי עוֹלָם** V'choneinu kimei olam.

If you listen, Listen. Listen...

Alden Solovy

לְכָה דוֹדִי לִקְרַאת כַּלָה, פְּנֵי שַׁבָּת נְקַבְּלָה.

שַׁמוֹר וְזָכוֹר בְּדִבּוּר אֶחָד, הִשְׁמִיעֲנוּ אֵל הַמְיֻחָד. יְיָ אֶחָד וּשִׁמוֹ אֶחָד, לְשֵׁם וּלְתַפְאֶרֶת וְלִתְהִלָּה.

לִקְרַאת שַׁבָּת לְכוּ וְגַלְכָה, כִּי הִיא מְקוֹר הַבְּרָכָה. מֵרֹאשׁ מִקֶּדֶם נְסוּכָה, סוֹף מַעֵּשֵׂה בִּמַחֵשָׁבָה תִּחִלָה.

בּוֹאִי בְשָׁלוֹם עֲשֶׁרֶת בַּעְלָהּ, גַּם בְּשִׁמְחָה וּבְצָהֲלָה. תּוֹדְ אֱמוּנֵי עַם סְגֵּלָה, בְּוֹאִי כַלָּהי בְּוֹאִי כַלָּהי

L'cha dodi likrat kala, p'nei Shabbat n'kab'la.

Shamor v'zachor b'dibur echad, hishmianu Eil ham'yuchad. Adonai echad ush'mo echad, l'sheim ul'tiferet v'lit'hila.

Likrat Shabbat l'chu v'neil'cha, ki hi m'kor hab'racha. Meirosh mikedem n'sucha, sof maaseh b'machashava t'chilah.

Boi v'shalom ateret baalah, gam b'simcha uv'tzohola. Toch emunei am s'gula, boi chalah! Boi chalah!

Beloved, come to meet the bride; beloved, come to greet Shabbat.

"Keep" and "Remember": a single command the Only God caused us to hear; the Eternal is one. Enter in peace, O crown of your husband; enter in gladness, enter in joy. Come to the people that keeps its faith. Enter, O bride! Enter, O bride! *Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam*; Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who commands us to renew the ancient and eternal covenant. We bind ourselves with this covenant as every Jew in history has done, as our parents did, and as our children will. The *brit* binds us to a God who commands sanctity, to a tradition that evokes reverence to each other in holiness.

Tonight, we renew that covenant with God and with each other. This *Kehilla Kedosha*, this holy congregation, has been led with dignity and honor and has reached great heights. We cherish that tradition and commit ourselves to a spirit of renewal and renaissance. In that spirit, we will find new meanings to old words, daring journeys to uncharted destinations, wondrous discoveries of truths not yet revealed.

We thank You, God, for open eyes and listening ears, for lips prepared to speak ancient and eternal words. Bless us with Your nearness and sustain us as we strive to renew our covenant with You today and tomorrow.

Bar'chu et Adonai ham'vorach! Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam vaed! בְּרְכוּ אֶת יְיָ הַמְבֹרָדְיִ בָּרוּדְ יְיָ הַמְבֹרָדְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶדי

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

Lift Every Voice Rabbis Sue Levi Elwell and Noah Fabricant In Honor of the Installation of Rabbi Susan N. Shankman

On this Shabbat Eve, we come to lift every voice to praise the mystery that brings us here tonight.

We gather in this sanctuary and rise with praise, lifting our voices as one.

The cares of the week become dust motes in the fading day and disappear.

We sink into our seats freer, lighter, less burdened.

This room is now resonant with our song. Can you hear the vibrations in your bones?

Open to Shabbat. Claim this legacy, our people's gift of time.

Lift every voice in thanks for the setting sun that reminds us that our small lives are part of a cosmic cycle of darkness and light, of effort and renewal, of night and day. Dear ones, we join together now and lift every voice for the love that fills this room tonight.

For 170 years, seekers have come together under this banner of hope to find connection, to claim quiet, to receive and offer comfort, to learn our people's wisdom.

We come together tonight in celebration: a sacred collection of souls, new generations of seekers, with love and determination, building a community of the heart.

We lift our voices: in praise, in wonder, in mystery, in gratitude. And with love we proclaim:

Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell

שְׁכָּע ישְׁרָאֵל, יִיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָזִי

בָּרוּדְ שֵׁם כִּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וַעֵד.

Sh'ma Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai Echad! Baruch sheim k'vod malchuto l'olam vaed.

Hear, O Israel, Adonai is our God, Adonai is One! Blessed is God's glorious majesty forever and ever. אָהַבְּוּלָ אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֵיִדְ בְּכָל־לְבְבְדָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁדָ וּבְכָל־מָאֹדֶדָ. וְהָ״וּ הַדְּבָרִים זְאֵׁלֶה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכֵי מְצַוְדֶ הַיָּוֹם עַל־לְבָבֶדָ וּשְׁנַוְתָּם לְבָנֶידְ וְדִבַּרְתָ, בָּס בְּשִׁבְתְדָ בְּבִיתֶּדְ וּבְלֶרְתְדַ בַדֶּׁרֶדְ וְבְשָׁרְבָּדָ וּבְקוּמֶדְ. וּקְשַׁרְתָּם לְאַוֹת עַל־יָדֶרֶ וְהָיוּ לְטְטָפָת בֵּין עֵינֶידְ. וּכְתַבְתָּם עַל־מְזָזִוֹת בֵּיתֶדָ וּבִשְׁעָרֶידָ.

V'ahavta eit Adonai Elohecha, b'chol l'vav'cha uv'chol nafsh'cha uv'chol m'odecha. V'hayu had'varim haeileh asher Anochi m'tzavcha hayom al l'vavecha. V'shinantam l'vanecha v'dibarta bam b'shivt'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'tavtam al m'zuzot beitecha uvisharecha.

ּלְמַעַן תּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתָם אֶת־כָּל־מִצְוֹתָי וְהְיִיתָם קְדשָׁים לֵאלְהֵיכֶם אֲנִّי יְיָ אֶלְהֵיכָם אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאַתִי אֶתְכָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרֵיִם לְהִיוֹת לְכָם לֵאלהֵים אֲנָי יְיָ אֶלְהֵיכֶם.

L'maan tizk'ru, vaasitem et kol mitzvotai vihitem k'doshim lEiloheichem. Ani Adonai Eloheichem, asher hotzeiti etchem meieretz Mitzrayim lih'yot lachem lEilohim ani Adonai Eloheichem.

I close my eyes and feel Your ancient words become a part of my being

I achieve a sense of Oneness

And in this moment I know that

Your words are true and enduring

I desire to imprint your words on my heart And to always see them before my eyes I decorate my doorposts To constantly remember that I am walking through the gateway of the divine To teach Your words to my children so I, too, can be divine As You birthed Adam and Eve so I, too, give birth to the future of the Jewish People

From bondage and chains we grew up to embrace the gift of being loved As You redeemed my ancestors from the Land of Egypt You redeem my heart and my soul from the modern shackles of slavery Each day I commit myself anew to undo the chains that bind me To being less than I want to be In the season of miracles - we shout Your praises We splash with joy through the waters of the Sea of Reeds The bottom of my skirt becomes wet as we dance through the waves

The ribbons of my timbrel flutter in the wind As we sing and dance Your praises with our sister Miriam and our brother Moses

We are free We are free As each generation meander into the next... We are free

Rabbi Vicki Seren Tuckman

Hashkiveinu Adonai Eloheinu l'shalom v'haamideinu shomreinu l'chayim

ַהַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם וְהַעֵמִידֵנוּ שׁוֹמְרֵנוּ לְחַיִּים

Spread the shelter of Your peace over us Guide us in wisdom, compassion, and trust

Save us for the sake of Your name Shield us from hatred sorrow and pain

Silent Prayer

Prayer invites God's Presence to suffuse our spirits, God's will to prevail in our lives. Prayer may not bring water to parched fields, nor mend a broken bridge, nor rebuild a ruined city. But prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, rebuild a weakened will.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, Adapted

Elohai N'tzor

Cantors Bortnick, Hamstra, and Manevich

Elohai, n'tzor l'shoni meira us'fatai midabeir mirmah, v'limkal'lai nafshi tidom, v'nafshi ke-afar lakol tih'yeh. P'tach libi b'Toratecha,

Yihi'yu l'ratzon imrei fi v'hegyon libi l'fanecha, Adonai tzuri v'go-ali. אָלהַי, נְצוֹר לְשׁוֹנִי מֵרָע וּשְׁפָתַי מִדַּבֵּר מְרְמָה, וְלַמְקַלְלַי נַפְשִׁי תִּדּוֹם, וְנַפְשִׁי כֶּעָפָר לַכֹּל תִּהְיֶה. פְתַח לִבִּי בְּתוֹרָתֵדָ,

> יִהְיוּ לְרָצוֹן אִמְרֵי פִּי וְהֶגְיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶידָ, יְיָ צוּרִי וְגוֹאֲלִי.

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Installation of Senior Rabbi Susan Naomi Shankman

| Introduction | David Berz, Past President, Washington Hebrew Congregation |
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| | Rabbi Hara Person, Chief Executive, Central Conference of American Rabbis |
| Installation Speakers | Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director, Religious Action Center and Senior Vice President, Union for Reform Judaism |
| | Jake Tapper, CNN anchor and Chief Washington Correspondent |
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| | Rabbi Joshua O. Haberman Rachel, Jonathan, and Josh Weinberg, children of Rabbi Joseph P. Weinberg |

As rabbis and cantors in Israel, we have been granted the sacred privilege of teaching Your word, expounding the traditions of Israel, and instructing our community in the supreme values of our people. On this night of celebration, we pray that Senior Rabbi Shankman will ever remain aware of the solemn responsibilities now conferred upon her.

Throughout her years of congregational service, help Senior Rabbi Shankman maintain her sense of reverence, and be her aid as she seeks to nourish that which is gentle, compassionate, and true. In hours of confusion, doubt, and pain, may she look to You, O God, and thus find renewed the sparks of joy, hope, and purpose, which burn in her heart today.

Source of Goodness, grant us the courage to raise our voices in the face of injustice, cruelty, and oppression. Help us to find the strength to struggle diligently for the freedom, security, health, and peace of all humanity, and in so doing, may we each help fulfill the hallowed task of all Jews in every age and in every land: *letakein olam bemalchut Shaddai*— to perfect the world in partnership with You. Amen.

Congregational Prayer for Our Clergy

Lewis Wiener, President, Washington Hebrew Congregation

God of sacred callings, bless the work of our clergy, Who carry us through our lives, our joys and our sorrows, In holy service, carrying our broken hearts, Our festive moments, and our deepest yearnings.

May their dedication serve as a shining lamp of love. May the works of their hands bring merit in heaven. Bless them with health and long life. Guard them from taking our traumas into themselves. Protect them from loneliness and isolation, Shielding them from the spiritual and emotional pain That can come with a life of service. May they find peace and comfort in their own moments of need. Blessed are You, God of All, who, with love, provides the world with dedicated leaders of faith.

Alden Solovy

Lewis Wiener

Aleinu

Aleinu l'shabei-ach laadon hakol, lateit g'dulah l'yotzeir b'reishit, shelo asanu k'goyei haaratzot, v'lo samanu k'mishp'chot haadamah. Shelo sam chelkeinu kahem, v'goraleinu k'chol hamonam.

Vaanachnu kor'im umishtachavim umodim, lifnei Melech mal'chei ham'lachim HaKadosh Baruch Hu.

Bayom hahu yih'yeh Adonai echad

V'ne-emar, v'hayah Adonai

l'Melech al kol haaretz.

עָלִיְנוּ לְשַׁבְּחַ לַאֲדוֹן הַכּּל, לְתֵת גֲדָלָה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרֵאשִׁית, שֶׁלֹּא עָשְׂנוּ כְּגוֹיֵי הָאֲרָצוֹת, וְלֹא שָׂמְנוּ כְּמִשְׁפְּחוֹת הָאֲדָמָה. שֶׁלֹא שָׂם חֶלְקֵנוּ כָּהֶם, וְגֹרָלֵנוּ כְּכָל הַמוֹנָם.

> וַאֲנַחְנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לִפְנֵי מֶלֶדּ, מַלְכֵי הַמְּלָכִים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדָ הוּא.

וְנֶאֶמַר, וְהָיָה יְיָ לְמֶלֶדְ עַל כָּל הָאֶרֶץ. בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יְיָ אֶחָד וּשִׁמוֹ אֵחַד.

Let us now praise the Sovereign of the universe, and proclaim the greatness of the Creator. We bend the knee and bow, acknowledging the supreme Sovereign, the Holy One of Blessing. Thus it has been said, Adonai will be Sovereign over all the earth. On that day, Adonai will be one, and God's Name will be one.

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 Let us now praise the Sovereign of the universe, and proclaim the greatness

 We bend the knee and bow, acknowledging the supreme Sovereign, the Holy O

Kaddish

יִתְגַּדַּל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִּי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ, וְיַמְלִידָ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּתַגַּדַל וְיִתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא. בְּעָלְמָא דִי בְרָא כִרְעוּתֵהּ, וְיַמְלִידָ מַלְכוּתֵהּ בְּתַגֵּיכון וּבְיוֹמֵיכון וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל. בַּעֲגָלָא וּבִזְמַן קָרִיב וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yitgadal v'yitkadash sh'mei raba b'alma div'ra chir'utei v'yamlich malchutei b'chayeichon uv'yomeichon uv'chayei d'chol beit Yisraeil baagalah uviz'man kariv, v'im'ru: Amein.

יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַדְ לְעָלַם וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמַיָּא.

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

יִתְבָּרַדְּ וְיִשְׁתַּבַּח, וְיִתְפָּאַר וְיִתְרוֹמַם וְיִתְנַשֵּׂא וְיִתְהַדָּר וְיִתְעַלֶּה וְיִתְהַלָּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקַדְשָׁא בְּרִידְ הוּא. לְעֵלָּא מִן כָּל בִּרְכָתָא וְשִׁיִרָתָא, תִּשְׁבְּחָתָא וְנֶחֱמָתָא, דַּאֲמִירָן בְּעָלְמָא, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Yitbarach v'yishtabach v'yitpaar v'yitromam v'yitnasei v'yithadar v'yitaleh v'yit-ha-lal sh'mei d'kudsha b'rich hu. L'eila min kol birchata v'shirata tushb'chata v'nehchehmata daamiran b'alma v'im'ru: Amein.

ָיְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמַיָּא וְחַיִּים עָלֵיְנוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Y'hei sh'lama raba min sh'maya v'chayim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael v'im'ru: Amein.

עשה שָׁלום בִּמְרוֹמָיו הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שָׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאִמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Oseh shalom bim'romav hu yaaseh shalom aleinu v'al kol Yisrael, v'im'ru: Amein.

Blessed, praised, glorified, exalted, extolled, mighty, upraised, and lauded be the name of the Holy One, blessed is God, beyond all blessings and hymns, praises and consolations that are uttered in the world; and say, amen. May there be abundant peace from Heaven, and life, upon us and upon all Israel; and say, Amen.

Kiddush

ָבָרוּדְ אַתָּה יִיָ אֱלהֵינוּ מֱלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגָּפֶן.

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יָיְ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֱלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשֶׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרֲצָה בְנוּ, וְשַׁבַּת קַדְשׁוֹ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחִילְנוּ זִכָּרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְרֵאשִׁית, כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה לְמִקְרֲאֵי קֹדֶשׁ, זֵכֶר לִיצִיאַת מִצְרֵים, כִּי בֶנוּ בָחַרְתָּ וְאוֹתְנוּ קַדֵּשְׁתָּ מִכָּל הַעַמִּים, וְשַׁבַּת קָדְשְׁךָ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הִנְחַלְתֶנוּ. בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַשַּׁבָּת.

Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine. Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who finding favor with us, sanctified us with mitzvot. In love and favor, You made the holy Shabbat our heritage as a reminder of the work of Creation. As first among our sacred days, it recalls the Exodus from Egypt. You chose us and set us apart from the peoples. In love and favor You have given us Your holy Shabbat as an inheritance. Praise to You, Adonai, who sanctifies Shabbat.

HaMotzi

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Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min haaretz. בָּרוּדְ אַתַּה, יִיָ אֱלְהֵינוּ, מֶלֶדְ הָעוֹלָם, הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth.

Benediction and Closing Song

May we see our Torah as a guide and light in our lives. May its words bring us comfort in times of need, wisdom to lead our people, and the knowledge that ours is a noble task deeply centered in study and belief.

May we serve with gentleness and kindness, with strength and conviction, this historic congregation, the Jewish people, and our community. May we strive for freedom, justice, and peace for all people.

Ours is a journey, which will allow us both to make change and to guard tradition while helping others.

May we always embrace this privilege with respect, and may our deeds be ones borne from a place of love and compassion.

As we continue on this journey, may we reflect often upon our teachers, our families, and our congregants.

They have stood and will stand with us as guides, teaching not only of Judaism, but also of life.

May the journey we take together toward You, O God, bind us heart-to-heart and soul-to-soul, that we might be Your people, You, our God.

יְיָ יִשְׁמָר-צֵארְדָ וּבוֹאֶך מֵעַתָּה וְעַד-עוֹלָם. God, guard our going and coming from this time forth.

Psalm 121:8

V acharer kichlot hakol, l'vado yimloch nora. V'hu haya, v'hu hoveh, v'hu yih'yeh, b'tifara. V'hu echad v'ein sheini, l'hamshil lo l'hachbirah. B'li reishit b'li tachlit, v'lo haoz v'hamisrah.

Adon olam asher malach, b'terem kol y'tzir nivra. L'eit naasah v'cheftzo kol, azai Melech sh'mo nikra. V'acharei kichlot hakol, l'vado yimloch nora. V'hu haya, v'hu hoveh, y'hu vih'yeh h'tifara

B'li reishit b'li tachlit, v'lo haoz v'hamisrah. V'hu Eili v'chai go-ali, v'tzur chevli b'eit tzarah. V'hu nisi umanos li m'nat kosi b'yom ekra.

B'yado afkid ruchi, b'eit ishan v'a-irah. V'im ruchi g'viyati, Adonai li v'lo ira. Adon olam asher malach, b'terem kol y'tzir nivra. L'eit naasah v'cheftzo kol, azai melech sh'mo nikra. וְהוּא אֶחָד וְאֵין שֵׁנִי, לְהַמְשִׁיל לוֹ לְהַחְבְּיָרָה. בְּלִי רֵאשִׁית בְּלִי תַכְלִית, וְלוֹ הָעֹז וְהַמִּשְׂרָה. וְהוּא אֵלִי וְחֵי גֹּאֲלִי, וְצוּר חֶבְלִי בְּעֵת צֶרָה. וְהוּא נָסִי וּמָנוֹס לִי מנת כּוֹסי בּיוֹם אקרא.

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והוא היה, והוא הוה,

וְהוּא יְהֵיֶה, בְּתָפָאַרָה.

לבדו ימלוד נורא.

בְּיָדוֹ אַפְקִיד רוּחִי, בְּעֵת אִישַׁן וְאָעְירָה. וְעָם רוּחִי גְּוִיֶּתִי, יְיָ לִי וְלֹא אִירָא. אֲדוֹן עוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר מָלַדֶּ, בְּטֶרֶם כָּל יְצִיר נִבְרָא. לְעֵת נַעֲשָׂה בְּחֶפְצוֹ כֹּל, אֲזֵי מֶלֶדְ שְׁמוֹ נִקְרָא.

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