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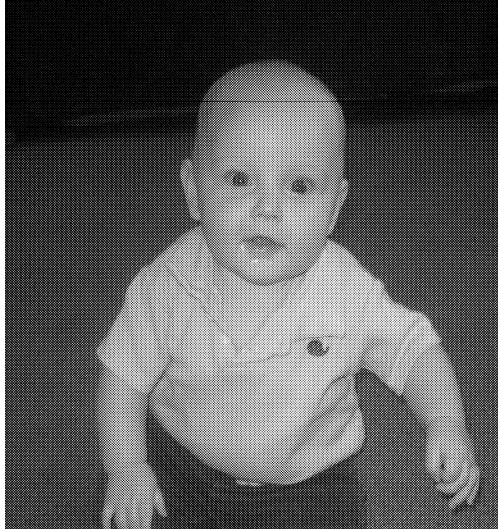
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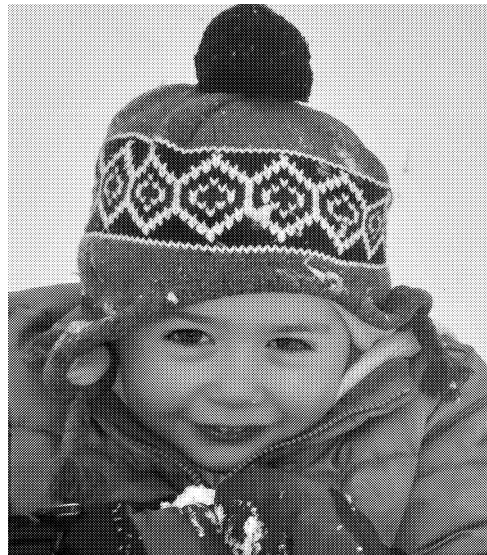
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Our Confirmands have written about their Jewish life experience, expectations, and hopes. Join in their joy, their vision, and their dreams for tomorrow's Judaism.

*Let us bless the source of life, the fountain of the fullness of our knowing; the one who created us for glory and love. May we learn with humility and pleasure. May we teach and learn with love. May we, in our humility and imperfection, still justly honor wisdom and all it embodies.*

The most important lesson in my Jewish experience is learning to disagree without fighting, to have agreements in our own ways like Hillel and Shammai. Learning that Shammai closed the door on one person for being extremely rude but Hillel did what the person asked, opening their door again. Which is, when even in disagreement, one thing in a relationship may close now, but open another along the way.

Bennett Lutkins

#### Candle lighting

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו  
וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵיר שֶׁל שַׁבָּת.

*(Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech Ha-olam, asher  
kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu, l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat.)*

Praised are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler of eternity, Who leads us to holiness through  
the ethics of Mitzvot and commits us to sharing in the enlightenment of Shabbat.

There will be times when you want to turn around, pack it up, and call it quits. Those times tell you that you are pushing yourself but be not afraid to learn by trying even harder. Be persistent and

dream, because you can do great things. Let your instincts, your intellect, and your heart guide you. Trust. Believe in your incredible power to do things and make a difference. Believe in the power of working hard, laughing, and hoping. The start of something new brings the hope of something great. Anything is possible. There is only one you, and you will pass by this way only once. Do it Right.

### Kiddush

All of my youth, I looked to the stars. The heavens possess the mystery of all life; the answers to our search for knowledge; the key to unlocking our future. As I grew older, I became more focused on the ground and on the today. I lost the ability to look to the stars and to acclaim the majesty of God's creative genius. The distractions of the world keep us from the sense of amazement and wonder, the force that causes each child to want to learn and grow.

As I search for the essence of my life, as I try to rekindle the flame in my soul, I look for the tools that might help me unlock the chains that bind me to the secular and the mundane. I have but one tool; the sanctity of Shabbat. It pries me from the mundane it pushes me to explore the sacred. Shabbat encourages me to look past the things and look to the source. Shabbat restores my energy and my strength. In sanctifying Shabbat, I again look to the stars and wonder . . . and repeat words echoing through the generations . . . *Al chaen yesh Adaonai b'makom hazeh, v'anochi lo yadati* -- Wow! Surely God has always been in this place, and I, I did not know it.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרִי הַגֶּפֶן. בְּרוּךְ  
אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְרָצָה

בְּנוּ. וְשַׁבַּת קִדְּשׁוּ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הַנְּחִילָנוּ זִכְרוֹן לְמַעֲשֵׂה  
 בְּרֵאשִׁית. כִּי הוּא יוֹם תְּחִלָּה לְמִקְרָאֵי קִדְּשׁ זִכָּר לְיִצְיַאת  
 מִצְרַיִם. כִּי־בָנוּ בַּחֲרָת וְאוֹתָנוּ קִדְּשָׁתָּ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים וְשַׁבַּת  
 קִדְּשָׁךְ בְּאַהֲבָה וּבְרָצוֹן הַנְּחַלְתָּנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ  
 הַשַּׁבָּת.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, Borei p'ri ha-gafen. Baruch Atah Adonai,  
 Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'ratzah vanu. V'Shabbat kodsho,  
 b'ahava uvratzon hinchilanu zicaron l'ma-aseh v'reishit. Ki hoo yom techilah l'mikrah-ei kodesh  
 zeicheir litziat Mitzra-yim. Ki vanu vacharta v'otanu kidashta mi-kol ha-amim, v'Shabbat  
 kodsecha b'ahava uv'ratzon hinchaltanu. Baruch Atah, Adonai, M'kadeish ha-Shabbat.*

Praised is Adonai, Our God, Ruler Eternal, Who creates the fruit of the vine. Praised is Adonai, Our God, Ruler Eternal, Who sanctifies us with mitzvot, delighting in us. With love and favor God makes Shabbat's holiness our heritage, reminding us of the work of creation. It is the first among our sacred days; also a remembrance of the Exodus from Egypt. God, acknowledging your children, in love and favor you gave us the Sabbath Day as a sacred inheritance. Praised is Adonai, for Shabbat and its holiness.

Rabbi Yossi taught that even God prays. He was asked what God's prayer would be, and he responded, "May it be My will that My mercy overcomes My anger, and My loving qualities override My rigidity; that I treat My children with the quality of compassion and that I always deal with them beyond the letter of the law."

If we want Judaism to become more important in people's lives, we need to learn more than just how to say the prayers. We must teach and learn the meanings behind them and why they can be so important. It's hard to want to pray when I don't understand what I am saying.

Garrett Carre

(Please Rise)

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ!  
 בָּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבָרֵךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

Praised the One to whom all praise is due ! Praised be the One to whom all praise is do now and forever.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר בִּדְבָרוֹ מַעְרִיב  
עָרְבִים.

*Baruch Atah Adonai, Melech ha-olam asher bidvaro ma-ariv aravim.*

There is nothing I could do to change how Judaism is and how relevant it is. Judaism is supposed to be a religion of faith and belief, and texts and conversations have been used throughout centuries to shape how it is today in modern times. If Judaism is to change, it is to change by the worshippers, studies of the Torah and various texts, Rabbis, and others, and not just conversations between Rabbis only.

Bennett Lutkins

The Baal Shem Tov taught that the world is full of wonders and miracles, “but man takes his little hand and covers his eyes and sees nothing.”

*Great it is that God created us in love, greater still that God tries to let us know of this love. May our eyes open; our blindfolds fall away, and may we see the majesty of the Source of absolute love in the universe. May we then open our souls to God and may our tongues emit praise.*

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אוֹהֵב עַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Probably the most important lesson that Judaism has taught me is that being Jewish isn't about religion. Judaism is a way of life. It requires us to be respectful towards all forms of faith and religions and to take care of each other.

Garrett Carre

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד!  
בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.

*Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai eloheinu, Adonai echad. Baruch shem kivod malchuto, l'olam vaed.*

Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God is ONE. Praised be God forever and ever.

(Please Be Seated)

וְאַהֲבַת אֵת יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ.

*V'ahavta et Adonai Elohecha b'chol levavcha, u-vechol nafshecha,  
u-vechol me-odecha.*

*You shall love the Lord, Your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your being. Set these words which I command you this day, upon your heart. Teach them faithfully to your children; speak of them in your home and on your way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign upon your hands; let them be a symbol before your eyes. Inscribe them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. That you may know Me in all the walks of your life, says the God of truth.*

מִי-כַמּוֹחָ בְּאֵלִים יְיָ? מִי כַמּוֹחַ, נִאֲדָר בִּקְדֹשׁ, נוֹרָא תְהִלָּתוֹ,  
עֲשֵׂה פֶלֶא?

*Mi Chamocha ba-elim Adonai, Mi Camocha nedar bakodesh, norah tehilot oseh feleh.*

I have Items that are from my great grandparents connecting me to my Jewish heritage. While I will never meet these people, knowing that they held these and passed on their fingerprints and family appreciation through generations that gives me hope towards a Jewish future for at least my family.

Garrett Carre



הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, לְשָׁלוֹם, וְהַעֲמִידֵנוּ, מַלְכֵנוּ, לְחַיִּים.  
וּפְרוֹשׁ עָלֵינוּ סִכַּת שְׁלוֹמְךָ.

*Hashkivaenu Adonai Elohaenu l'shalom, v'hamidaenu malkaenu l'chayim.*

*Ufros alaenu sukkat shlomecha.*

We look into the abyss of the night. We see darkness overtake the light. For some, this is a time of peaceful rest. For others, this time of darkness is the source of fear. God may we build a world wherein all might find rest.

*In observing Shabbat, we implicitly offer our appreciation for the blessings that we experience throughout the week.*

*Shabbat is the bond that ties us with our ancestors for thousands of years in the past and which leads us to prepare for the thousands of generations that may yet come to be.*

וְשָׁמְרוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-הַשַּׁבָּת לַעֲשׂוֹת אֶת-הַשַּׁבָּת לְדֹרֹתָם  
בְּרִית עוֹלָם. בֵּינִי וּבֵין בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹת הִיא לְעוֹלָם, כִּי  
שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים עָשָׂה יְיָ אֶת-הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת-הָאָרֶץ, וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי  
שָׁבַת וַיִּנְפֹּשׁ.

*(V'shamru v'nei Yisrael et ha-Shabbat la-asot et ha-Shabbat l'do-ro-tom b'rit  
olam. Bei-ni u-vein b'nei Yisrael ot hi l'olam, ki she-shet yamim asah Adonai  
et ha-shama-yim v'et ha-aretz, u-va-yom hash-vi-i shavat va-yinafash.)*

My most considered Jewish artifact is my siddur. I consider this to be my most important artifact because it is a book that contains prayers, songs, and more and I would read some parts of it when I felt like I needed to. It is also my closest connection to God, outside of myself as a person as everyone is God's image, and after myself is my siddur.

Bennett Lutkins

(Please Rise)

יְיָ שֹׁפֵטִי תִפְתָּח וּפִי יִגִּיד תְּהִלָּתְךָ.

*Adonai S'fatai tiftach ufi yagid t'hilatecha.*

Eternal God, open my lips that my mouth may declare your glory.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְאֱלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתֵינוּ אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם,  
אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק, אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב, אֱלֹהֵי שָׂרָה, אֱלֹהֵי רַבְקָה,  
אֱלֹהֵי לָאָה, וְאֱלֹהֵי רַחֵל. הָאֵל הַגָּדוֹל, הַגִּבּוֹר, וְהַנּוֹרָא,  
אֵל עֲלִיוֹן. גּוֹמֵל חֲסָדִים טוֹבִים וְקוֹנֵה הַכֹּל, וְזוֹכֵר חֲסִדֵי  
אֲבוֹת, וּמַבִּיא גְּאֻלָּה לְבָנֵי בְּנֵיהֶם, לְמַעַן שְׁמוֹ, בְּאַהֲבָה.  
מִלֶּךְ עוֹזֵר וּמוֹשִׁיעַ וּמַגֵּן. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ מֶלֶךְ אַבְרָהָם  
וְעִזְרַת שָׂרָה.

אַתָּה גִּבּוֹר לְעוֹלָם אֲדֹנָי, מַחֲיֵה הַכֹּל אַתָּה, רַב לְהוֹשִׁיעַ:  
מְכַלְכֵּל חַיִּים בְּחֶסֶד, מַחֲיֵה הַכֹּל בְּרַחֲמִים רַבִּים, סוֹמֵךְ  
נוֹפְלִים, וְרוֹפֵא חוֹלִים, וּמַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, וּמַקְיֵם אֲמוּנָתוֹ  
לִישְׁנֵי עֶפֶר, מִי כִּמּוֹךְ בָּעַל גְּבוּרֹת וּמִי דוֹמָה לָךְ, מִלֶּךְ  
מִמִּית וּמַחְיֵה וּמַצְמִיחַ יְשׁוּעָה: וְנֶאֱמָן אַתָּה לְהַחְיֹת  
הַכֹּל. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מַחֲיֵה הַכֹּל:

Praised is Adonai, our God and God of all generations; our prophets and heroes; our ancestors; and our families and friends. Credit to us the merit earned by the righteous throughout time. May we learn from the best examples of our tradition and heritage. May Torah guide our choices so that we can all taste freedom and peace.

Eternal is God's might, all life is a gift; great is God's power to save! With love and compassion God sustains life for all. You send help and healing to all in need, bring freedom to the captive and keep faith with all who breathe. God over mortality, Source of salvation? We praise God, the Source of life.

One of my most memorable Jewish experiences was when I was helping build the Sukkah. It is one of my memorable Jewish experiences because it was when I saw the brotherhood and I

built it in record time also because others were experienced. Also because It was one of the few times I saw actual teamwork mixed with humor and unity in a long time.

BENNETT LUTKINS

One of my most memorable experiences was the preparation for and celebration of my Bar Mitzvah. Celebrating the day with family and friends, even if they were not Jewish helped teach me that my Judaism does not depend on everyone knowing and doing it the same way. It is about bringing people together to celebrate each other.

GARRETT CARRE

שִׁים שְׁלוֹם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וְחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים, עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל  
יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמָּךְ.

*Sim Shalom tovah uv'racha chein vahesed v'rachamim aleinu v'al col Yisrael amecha.*

Grant peace, goodness and blessing, grace, mercy and kindness to us, to all Israel and to all your people.

### Silent Meditation

יְהִיו לְרָצוֹן אֱמִירֵי-פִי וְהִגִּיוֹן לִבִּי לְפָנֶיךָ. יְיָ צוּרִי וְגֹאֲלִי.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable,  
O God, my rock and my redeemer.

### TORAH SERVICE

עוֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל  
כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

May the One who makes peace, cause it to rain upon us. and we say, "Amen."

שִׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, יְיָ אֶחָד.  
אֶחָד אֱלֹהֵינוּ, גָּדוֹל אֲדוֹנָנוּ, קְדוֹשׁ שְׁמוֹ.

Listen Israel! Adonai is our God, Adonai is One. Our one God is great. Holiness if God's being.  
For You, Adonai, is greatness and power, the glory and endurance in time

#### BEFORE THE TORAH READING

בָּרְכוּ אֶת־יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ!  
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!  
בְּרוּךְ יְיָ הַמְּבֹרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד! בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר־בָּנוּ מִכָּל־הָעַמִּים וְנָתַן־לָנוּ  
אֶת־תּוֹרָתוֹ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Praised are You, Adonai, to whom all praise is due.  
Praised are You, Adonai, to whom all praise is due forever. (x2)  
Praised is Adonai, our God, who gives the world Torah. Praised are You, Adonai, Giver of Torah.

#### Exodus 20:1-7

א וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה לְאָמֹר: ב אַנְכִי  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים:  
ג לֹא־יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים עַל־פָּנַי:

ד לֹא־תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶסֶל וְכָל־תְּמוּנָה אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל  
וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ מִתַּחַת וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם מִתַּחַת לָאָרֶץ:  
ה לֹא־תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
אֵל קַנָּא פֹקֵד עֹון אָבֹת עַל־בָּנִים עַל־שְׂלֵשִׁים וְעַל־רִבְעִים  
לְשָׁנָאִי: ו וַעֲשֵׂה חֶסֶד לְאֵלֶּפִים לְאַהֲבִי וּלְשֹׂמְרֵי מִצְוֹתַי:

God spoke all these words: "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the  
land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep My commandments.

**AFTER THE TORAH READING**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר נָתַן-לָנוּ  
תּוֹרַת אֱמֶת וְחַיֵּי עוֹלָם נָטַע בְּתוֹכֵנוּ. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,  
נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Praised are You, Adonai, our God, Ruler Eternal, who has given us a Torah of truth  
and implanted eternal life within us. Praised is Adonai, Giver of Torah.

וְזֹאת הַתּוֹרָה אֲשֶׁר-שָׂם מֹשֶׁה לְפָנֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל פִּי יְיָ  
בְיַד מֹשֶׁה:

*V'zot haTorah asher-sam Moshe lifnae b'nai Yisrael, al pi-Adonai b'yad Moshe.*  
This is the Torah given to Moses from God's mouth to his hand.

We need each other to stay strong. May those who are not with  
us today be with us tomorrow. May we commit to their healing  
and to healing the hate, fear, and loneliness plaguing our world.

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu - M'kor hab'racha 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 l'avoteinu*  
*Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah*  
*The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit*  
*And let us say Amen*

*Mi shebeirach avoteinu - M'kor hab'racha 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 habrachah l'avoteinu*  
*Bless those in need of healing with r'fuah sh'leimah*  
*The renewal of body, the renewal of spirit*  
*And let us say Amen*

**BEFORE THE HAFTARAH READING:**

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בְּנְבִיאִים  
טוֹבִים, וְרָצָה בְּדַבְרֵיהֶם הַנֶּאֱמָרִים בְּאֵמֶת, בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ,  
הַבוֹחֵר בַּתּוֹרָה וּבַמִּשְׁעָה עֲבָדוֹ, וּבִישְׂרָאֵל עַמּוֹ, וּבְנְבִיאֵי  
הָאֵמֶת וְצֶדֶק.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elohaenu, Melech haolam, asher bachar bin'vi-im tovim, v'ratzah*  
*v'divreihem hane-emarim be-emet. Baruch atah, Adonai, habocher baTorah uv'Moshe avdo,*  
*uv'Yisreil amo, uvin'vi-ei ha-emet vatzedek.*

We praise Adonai, Eternal Ruler, Who chose faithful prophets to speak words of truth. We praise God, Torah's revelation, for Moses - God's servant and Israel - God's people, and for the prophets of truth and righteousness.

## **The Book Of Ruth**

When the Judges ruled, a famine hit Bethlehem forcing Elimelech and his wife, Naomi, to search for food east in Moab. There, they lived for a decade with their sons, Makhlon and Khilion who married two Moabite women: Ruth and Orpah.

Elimelech and both of his sons died, widowing Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah. After 10 years in Moab, Naomi decided to head back to Bethlehem. Naomi said to her two daughters in law, "Go, return to your mother's homes. May God deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. Adonai grant you that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them. Orpah kissed Naomi and went home, but Ruth stayed on. Ruth said, "Don't make me leave you, and not follow after you: for where you go, I will go; and where you lodge, I will

lodge: your people shall be my people, and your God my God: Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried: Adonai do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part you and me.”

In Bethlehem, Naomi felt embittered with her lot. Ruth is reduced to gleaning in the barley fields but finds herself gleaning the fields of a wealthy man named Boaz. He offered her gleaning privileges and encouraged her to spend time only in his fields. Boaz is a distant cousin of Naomi's late husband. Ruth asked, “Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should pay special attention to me, I am only a stranger?” Boaz answered, “I see all that you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died, and you how left your home and have come to a people in a strange land. God compels me to take special care of you.”

Naomi heard about Boaz and the care and attention he paid to Ruth. Seeing his care as a sign from God, she instructed Ruth on how to get closer to Boaz. She told her daughter-in-law to visit Boaz at night - in secret - and lie at his feet. He awoke and in learning that it was Ruth, he promised to protect her. If a man died without giving his wife a child, another family member was obligated to marry her and care for her in his stead. Boaz would marry her, but there was a relative closer than he.

This distant relative wanted to buy Naomi's land but could not marry Ruth without destroying his family. The sale was contingent upon the marriage. The kinsman confirmed that he could not fulfill the deed and told Boaz, “Buy it for yourself.” Boaz responded, "You are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, will be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance and keep his memory alive amongst our people.

All the people affirmed. "Let your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, of the seed which Adonai shall give you of this young woman." Soon, Ruth and Boaz have a son. Naomi held the child, and the women gave him a name: "Obed." Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David ... King David.

#### AFTER THE HAFTARAH READING

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, צוּר כָּל הָעוֹלָמִים,  
צַדִּיק בְּכָל הַדּוֹרוֹת, הָאֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן הָאוֹמֵר וְעֹשֶׂה, הַמְדַּבֵּר  
וּמְקַיֵּם, שְׁכֹל דְּבָרָיו אֱמֶת וְצֶדֶק.  
עַל הַתּוֹרָה, וְעַל הָעֲבוֹדָה, וְעַל הַנְּבִיאִים, וְעַל יוֹם  
הַסִּמְכָה הַזֶּה, שֶׁנִּתְּתָ לָנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, לְקֹדֶשׁ וּלְמִנוּחָה,  
לְכָבוֹד וּלְתַפָּאֶרֶת. עַל הַכֹּל, יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ, אֲנַחְנוּ מוֹדִים  
לָךְ, וּמְבָרְכִים אוֹתְךָ, יִתְבָּרַךְ שְׁמֶךָ בְּפִי כָּל חַי תָּמִיד  
לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ, מְקַדֵּשׁ הַזִּמְנִים.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Elohaenu, Melech haolam, tzur kol haolamim, tzaddik b'chol hadorot, HaEl hane-eman, haomeir v'oseh, ham'dabeir um'kayeim, shekol d'varav emet vatzedek. Al haTorah, v'al haavodah, v'al han'vi-im, v'al yom HaSimchah hazeh, shenatata lanu Adonai Elohaenu, lik'dushah v'lim'nuchah, l'chavod ul'tifaret. Al hakol Adonai Elohaenu, anachnu modim lach, um'var'chim otach, yitbarach shimcha b'fi kol chai tamid l'olam va-ed. Baruch atah, Adonai, m'kadeish Hazmanim.*

Blessed is Adonai our Eternal God, Rock of all creation, Righteous in all generations, God faithful whose whose every command is just and true. For Torah, for worship, for the prophets, and for this Holy Day created by God for holiness and our rest, for honor and glory, we thank and bless Your name forever by every living being. Blessed is Adonai, for the seasons of our festivals and their holiness.

#### Returning the Torah

עֵץ-חַיִּים הִיא לַמַּחְזִיקִים בָּהּ, וְתִמְכֶּיָּהּ מֵאֲשֶׁר. דִּרְכֶּיהָ  
דְּרָכֵי-נֹעַם, וְכָל-נְתִיבוֹתֶיהָ שָׁלוֹם. הִשִּׁיבֵנוּ יְיָ, אֱלֹהֵינוּ,  
וְנָשׁוּבָה. חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֶדֶם.



*Aetz chayim he lamachazikim bah, v'tom'che-ha m'ushar. D'rachae-ha darchae noam, v'chol n'tivoteha shalom. Hashivaenu Adonai, Elecha, v'nashuvah. Chadash yamaenu k'kedem.*  
It is a Tree of Life for all who cling fast to it. Its ways are of pleasantness and its paths are peace.

עֲלֵינוּ לְשַׁבַּח לְאֲדוֹן הַכֹּל, לְתֵת גְּדֻלָּה לְיוֹצֵר בְּרָאשִׁית,  
שֶׁהוּא נוֹטֶה שָׁמַיִם וְיִסַּד אֶרֶץ, וּמוֹשֵׁב יְקָרוֹ בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל,  
וְשֹׁכֵנֵת עֵזוֹ בְּגִבְהֵי מְרוֹמִים, הוּא אֱלֹהֵינוּ אֵין עוֹד.  
וְאִנְחָנוּ כּוֹרְעִים וּמִשְׁתַּחֲוִים וּמוֹדִים, לְפָנֵי מֶלֶךְ, מַלְכֵי  
הַמַּלְכִּים, הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא.

*Alaenu l'shabae'ach la-'don hakol, lataet g'dula l'yotzeir b'reishit, Sh'hu notei shamayim v'yosaed aretz, umoshav y'karo bashamayim mima'al, ush'chinat uzo b'govhae m'romim. Hu Elohaenu, aen od. Va-anacnu kor'im umishtachavim u-modim lifnae melech, malchae ham'lachim ha Kadosh Baruch Hu.*

Let us praise God and proclaim the majesty of the One who spread out the heavens and established the Earth, whose glory the heavens reveal throughout the world. You are our God, there is none else. We bow in awe and thanksgiving before the source sovereign over all, the Holy One of blessing.

וְנֵאמַר: "וְהָיָה יי לְמֶלֶךְ עַל-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ; בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא יִהְיֶה יי  
אֶחָד וּשְׁמוֹ אֶחָד."

*V'ne-emar v'ha-ya Adonai l'melech al-kol-ha-aretz; ba-yom hahu yiyeh  
Adonai echad ushemo echad.*

And it is said, "God will rule over all the Earth in a time to come as the world recognizes God's oneness.

The words of kaddish are sacred, not because they speak of death, but because they speak of honor and glory; they are a blessing for life. We best remember those who have passed from this world, not by thinking of their having left this world, rather for having lived in it. So long as we remember to love the living memories of those who have passed on, they continue to love and grow with us, in our lives. This is our understanding of immortality. May we bound up in the bonds of eternal life and always be known for having been a blessing to this world.

וַיִּתְגַּדַּל וַיִּתְקַדַּשׁ שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא בְּעָלְמָא דִּי-בְרָא כְרַעוּתֵיהּ  
 וַיִּמְלִיךְ מַלְכוּתֵיהּ בְּחַיִּיכוּן וּבְיוֹמֵיכוּן וּבְחַיֵּי דְכָל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל  
 בְּעִגְלָא וּבְזִמְן קָרִיב, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהֵא שְׁמֵהּ רַבָּא מְבָרַךְ  
 לְעָלְמָא וּלְעָלְמֵי עָלְמֵיָא. יְתַבְרַךְ וַיִּשְׁתַּבַּח, וַיִּתְפָּאֵר וַיִּתְרוֹמֵם  
 וַיִּתְנַשֵּׂא וַיִּתְהַדָּר וַיִּתְעַלֶּה וַיִּתְהַלַּל שְׁמֵהּ דְּקֻדְשָׁא, בְּרִיךְ הוּא  
 לְעָלְמָא מִן כָּל-בְּרַכְתָּא וְשִׁירָתָא, תְּשַׁבַּחְתָּא וְנַחֲמָתָא דְאַמִּירָן  
 בְּעָלְמָא, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן. יְהֵא שְׁלָמָא רַבָּא מִן שְׁמֵיָא, וְחַיִּים,  
 עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.  
 עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ וְעַל  
 כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל כָּל-בְּנֵי-אָדָם, וְאָמְרוּ אָמֵן.

Let us extol God's glory, and hallow God throughout the world. May God rule in our own time and lives,  
 and in the life of all faith. Amen. Let us God praise forever beyond all praises, honor, songs and  
 adorations that we can utter. Amen. For us and all Israel, may the blessing may the blessing of peace  
 come true. Amen. May the One who causes peace bring it to reign over all the world. Amen.

May the source of life send comfort to all of us in need, and with  
 one voice, may we say, . . . . Amen.

L'chi Lach to a land that I will show you.  
 Lech l'cha to a place you do not know.  
 L'chi lach on your journey I will bless you, and  
 You shall be a blessing (x2) . . . l'chi lach.

L'Chi lach, and I shall make your name great.  
 Lech l'cha, and all shall praise your name.  
 L'chi lach to place that I will show you --  
 L'simchat Chayim (x2) ... l'chi lach.

## Benediction

## **Confirmand Essays**

Rabbi Marc asked each student the following question: "If someone gave me \$1000 under the condition that I had to do something for myself that also benefitted the world around me, how would I spend that money?"

GARRETT CARRE -

I would give the money to a shelter for animals in need. Although they might not seem as important as humans to some, I believe they can hold significant importance in an individual's life whether as a friend or part of someone's family. We all know of stories where animals have saved lives and made lives better. We now bring animals to hospitals and nursing homes to help patients, sometimes replacing medication. We must take care of those who take care of us.

BENNETT LUTKINS-

If someone gave me a thousand dollars to make the world a better place I would split half of it into five hundred and five hundred dollars. I would spend one half of it to give clothes, feed, or provide something to help the homeless in some way shape or form. The reason for that is because it is good to help others, it is rewarding when helping others, and we can benefit from it ourselves. There is so much that could be done trying to help.

The other half of the money would be used for stocks that could give a good turnout. That turnout could be split again to be reused for more stocks while that other half could be used to help more with homeless or other projects. I would keep that cycle going until money is large and can be used for the masses and helping out the community, people, and more. That is how I would use the one thousand dollars if all succeeds and turns out well.