

Am M'kad'shei

עם מְקַדְשֵׁי שְׁבִיעִי, כָּלֵם יִשְׁבְּעוּ וַיִּתְעַנְּגוּ מִטוֹבָה, וְהַשְּׁבִיעִי רָצִיתָ בּוֹ וְקִדְשָׁתוּ,
חֲמִדַּת יָמִים אוֹתוֹ קָרָאתָ, זִכָּר לְמַעֲשֵׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית.

Am m'ka-d'shei sh'vi-i, ku-lam yis-b'u v'yit-an-gu mi-tu-ve-kha, v'hash-vi-i ra-tzi-ta bo
v'ki-dash-to, khem-dat ya-mim o-to ka-ra-ta, zei-kher l'ma-a-sei v'rei-shit.

The people that sanctifies the seventh [day], they will all be satisfied and delighted by Your goodness. And the seventh [day], You found favor in it and sanctified it. "Most coveted of days," [delight] You called it, a memorial to the act of Creation.

D'rash

The people that sanctifies the seventh [day], they will all be satisfied and delighted by Your goodness—*Not the individual but the people that sanctifies the seventh day, together in community; they will realize their highest spiritual potential, individually and collectively, which is the foundation for human happiness.*
And the seventh [day], You found favor in it and sanctified it—*The seventh day was set aside and dedicated, for the sake of humankind, because while we are little more than dust, we are also only a little lower than the angels. "Most coveted of days," You called it, a memorial to the act of Creation—Who would not prefer rest to toil, learning to labor, time to clock-watching, freedom to slavery, loving to litigating, singing to shouting, beauty to banality, and community to isolation—all made possible by respite from creation.*

Iyun Tefilla

CARAVAN TO THE OASIS

Listen!
Do you hear it?
Put your ear
To the ground.
You can feel it
Six days away!
The caravan is coming!
Let its
Swaying camels,
Trembling bells
Carry you
Back
From the desert,
Back to palms
And pools of water,
Honey and dates.
Don't be late!
You don't want to miss
The last ride home!

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