## Sim Shalom

שִׁים שָׁלוֹם בָּעוֹלָם טוֹבָה וּבְרָכָה, חֵן וָחֶסֶד וְרַחֲמִים, עָלֵינוּ וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל עַמֶּךָ. בַּרְכֵנוּ, אָבִינוּ, כֵּלָנוּ כְּאָחָד בְּאוֹר פָּנֶיךְ, כִּי בְאוֹר פָּנֶיךְ נָתַתָּ לָנוּ, יְיָ אֱלֹחֵינוּ, תּוֹרַת חַיִּים וְאַהֲבַת חֶסֶד, וּצְדָקָה וּבְרָכָה וְרַחֲמִים וְחַיִּים וְשָׁלוֹם, וְטוֹב בְּעֵינֶיךְ לְבָרֵךְ אֶת עַמְּךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל עֵת וּבְכָל שָׁעָה בִּשְׁלוֹמֶךְ.

Sim sha-lom ba-o-lam, tov-a u-v'ra-kha, khein va-khe-sed v'ra-kha-mim a-lei-nu v'al kol yis-ra-el a-me-kha. Bar-khei-nu a-vi-nu ku-la-nu k'e-khad b'or pa-ne-kha, ki v'or pa-ne-kha na-ta-ta la-nu, a-do-nai e-lo-hei-nu, to-rat kha-yim v'a-ha-vat khe-sed, utz-da-ka u-v'ra-kha v'ra-kha-mim v'kha-yim v'sha-lom, v'tov b'ei-ne-kha l'va-reikh et am-kha yis-ra-el b'khol-eit u-v'khol sha-a bish-lo-me-kha.

Make peace in the world—goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion on us and on all of Your people Israel. Bless us, our Parent, all of us as one, with the light of Your mien, for with the light of Your mien You gave us, Adonai, our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, at all times and in every hour with Your peace.

## D'rash

Make peace in the world—goodness, blessing, graciousness, kindness, and compassion on us and on all of Your people Israel—May You continue creating a world for us to complete and heal through our struggles to know righteousness and to lessen pain and degradation, always sensitive to the dangers of both order and disorder, always valuing both the individual and the community. Bless us, our Parent, all of us as one, with the light of Your mien, for with the light of Your mien You gave us, Adonai our God, the Torah of life and a love of kindness, righteousness, blessing, compassion, life, and peace—We accept that Your blessings are given to us as a people; that it is not our family, congregation, or community You favor, but klal Yisrael; thus we acknowledge our need for Your light, to illuminate the path of respect, lovingkindness, and unity between ourselves and other Jews, regardless of past disagreements or strife. And may it be good in Your eyes to bless Your people Israel, at all times and in every hour with Your peace—May our commitments and our actions that unify us as a people open the heavens to a shower of blessings, especially shalom, because together we will have acknowledged our common heritage and future as a holy nation.

## Iyun Tefilla

## REFLECTION

We do not see Your face,
But in its light
We come to see
Ourselves
For what
We dare to be—
A mirror.
In that light
We are all shining

And able
As new moons
To rise and struggle
With the night
And fling
Reflected glory
Deep into the dark.
In that light
We come to see
Ourselves
As one.
In that light
We can see forever.

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