

Oseh Shalom

עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם בְּמִרוֹמָיו, הוּא יַעֲשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם עָלֵינוּ, וְעַל כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאָמְרוּ: אָמֵן

O-sei sha-lom bim-ro-mav, hu ya-a'sei sha-lom a-lei-nu, v'al kol yis-ra-el v'im'ru a-mein.

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D'rash

May God who makes peace in the high heavens, may God make peace upon us and upon all Israel. **Now say: Amein**—*May we be given to understand from the One Who masterminds the harmony of all creation, how we are to repair the world and restore Am Yisrael as a people unified by love of Torah and holy service in everyday life.*

Iyun Tefilla

ALL THINGS ARE MADE OF SMALLER THINGS

“Acts of kindness bring about great peace.”
—Rabbi Eliezer ben R.Yose

What does it take
To bring about
The kingdom of God on earth?
We search
And never know
The kingdom's end.
We strain
To find an order in the skies,
To find our place
And count our part.
The moon, the stars—
Which are we?
Dust.
Small stones
Skipped into a summer sea.
And yet,
The largest things
Are made of smaller things.
Drops divide the waters of the sea,
And drops divide those drops.
And sands of moons
And distant stars
Are also small.
And none is lost.
And so
Are all small acts of kindness
Like drops of water

That can wear away a stone
To its very heart,
Or make a well
Spring up,
Or wash away
A shadow on a soul
And help to bring it
In the light.
Which are we?
And where?
A little lower
Than the angels.

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