

## Torah Portion: Vayechi, Genesis 47:28–50:26 Haftarah: I Kings 2:1-12

## **Morning Blessings**

Music by Shefa Gold

יָנָ מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, יְנָ פּוֹקֵחַ עָוְרִים, יְנָ מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים, יְנָ אוֹהֵב צַּדִּיקִים.

Adonai matir asurim, A-do-nai po-kei-ach iv-rim, Adonai zokeif k'fufim, Adonai oheiv tsadikim.

Adonai frees the captives, Adonai opens the eyes of the blind, Adonai lifts up the fallen, Adonai loves the righteous.

Ahal'lah Adonai b'chayai!

אֲהַלְלָה יְיָ בְּחַיָּי.

I will praise Adonai with my life!

## **Prayer for Redemption of Hostages**

By CCAR members Rabbis Ofer and Rachel Sabath Beit Halachmi

Our God, the One who raised Joseph up from the pit, be "a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:10)

Send complete rescue and full redemption to all those held captive by the enemy.

Strengthen their spirit and bring them our prayers that they be protected from all harm.

Implant understanding in the heart of the enemy that they may return the captives in wholeness of body and spirit.

Grant wisdom to the Israel Defense Forces that they may secure freedom for the captives without loss of life. Grant strength of spirit and courage of heart to all the sons and daughters of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar to release bonds of captivity and allow us all to live in freedom.

"They shall call upon Me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in distress; I will rescue them, and honor them." (after Psalm 91:15).

## Mi Shebeirach

Music by Craig Taubman

מִי שֶׁבֵּרַדְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ, אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב, שָׁרָה רִבְקָה רָחֵל וְלֵאָה, הוּא יְבָרֵדּ וִירַפֵּא אֶת־הַחוֹלִים.

Mi shebeirach avoteinu, Avraham, Yitschak v'Yaakov, Sarah, Rivkah, Racheil v'Leiah, Hu y'vareich virapei et hacholim.

May God, who blessed our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah, bless and heal those who are ill.

Eil nah r'fah nah lah.

אַל נָא רְפָא נָא לָהּ.

God, please, we pray, bring healing.