

Sources for discussion – Language as Legacy

Bamidbar 27:1-4

1) The daughters of Zelophehad, of Manassite family – son of Hepher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh son of Joseph – came forward. 2) They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the chieftains and the whole assembly, at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and they said, 3) “Our father died in the wilderness. He was not one of the faction, Korach’s faction, which banded together against the Lord, but died for his own sin; and he has left no sons. 4) Let not our father’s name be lost to his clan just because he has no son.

Ohr Hadash – A Commentary on Siddur Sim Shalom

On special days specified by the Torah – Shabbat, Festivals and Rosh Hodesh – however, an additional offering (*musaf*) was brought (Numbers 28-29). Therefore we recite an additional Amidah known as *Musaf* (literally, “additional”) on those days.

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WISDOM

Original - You graciously bestow knowledge upon man and teach mortals understanding. Graciously bestow upon us from You, wisdom, understanding and knowledge. Blessed are You Lord, who graciously bestows knowledge.

Shoafim (12 years old) - Thank you God for planting seeds of knowledge into my brain so they may grow into vines as I grow older. Please continue to provide sun and water so that my vines will continue to grow and expand into other vineyards. Blessed are you, Adonai, who grants us wisdom.

FORGIVENESS

Original - Pardon us, our Father, for we have sinned; forgive us, our King, for we have transgressed; for You are a good and forgiving G-d. Blessed are You Lord, gracious One who pardons abundantly.

Bogrim (14 years old) - Thank you God for forgiving me when I have done something wrong and have sinned. I ask of you to please allow me to forgive myself when I have made a mistake. Help me to forgive and accept others, and be able to start afresh. Blessed are you Adonai, who is gracious and full of forgiveness.

GATHERING OF EXILES

Original - Sound the great shofar for our freedom; raise a banner to gather our exiles, and bring us together from the four corners of the earth into our land. Blessed are You Lord, who gathers the dispersed of His people Israel

Bogrim (14 years old) - Thank you God for giving us a homeland and a place we can consider ours. Dear God, please continue to protect Israel and ensure that we are not exiled. We ask of you, Lord our God, to make it possible for all Jews to visit or move to Israel. Allow us to feel at home and have a sense of belonging. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gathers the dispersed of his people Israel.