

Liturgical Poem (Piyut Parasha) for the Torah Portion "Lech Lecha"/

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אֲדוֹן כָּל הַבְּרִיאוֹת | הַנְּשָׁגַב בְּהוֹדוֹ: הֵמְנִיעַ פְּלִכֵי רוּם | וְלֹא מִשְׁשָׁם יָדוֹ: רְזִים
מְגִלָּה | וּמִי יָדַע סוּדוֹ: נְהוֹרָא עִמָּה שְׂרָא | וְאִין בְּלַעְדוֹ: בְּחַר | לְאָב הַמּוֹן
יָדִידוֹ: וְהוֹצִיאֵו מֵאוּר פְּשָׁדִים | וְהִכִּין צַעְדוֹ: כִּי אֲבָד צְלָמֵי שְׂכִיָּה | בְּכָל מְאָדוֹ: פְּרִי
כִּי עֵץ חַיִּים | וְלִקְחָה נְפִשׁוֹת בְּלִמּוּדוֹ: וְהִפְרַע פְּרַע מוֹסֵר | רָאוּ עֵינָיו פִּידוֹ: כִּי בְּאִשְׁת
חִיקוּ | שְׁלַח יָדוֹ: וּבִבְקָר הַתְּחִנָּן לוֹ | וְיִסּוּרֵי הַגִּידוֹ: וּבְהַקְבִּץ חֲמִשָּׁת נְסִיכִים | כָּל
אִישׁ בְּהִתְעַתְּדוֹ: וְהִרִיק חֲנִיכָיו | וְהִצִּיל לוֹט חֲמוּדוֹ: וּמִלְכֵי צָדֵק בִּרְכוּ לְאֵל עֲלִיּוֹן |
אֲשֶׁר סָעְדוֹ: וּמִגֵּן צָרֵי בְּיָדוֹ | וְכָל שְׂדָדוֹ: הִנֵּה דְבַר ה' אֵלָיו | בְּמַחְזָה לְהַפְקִידוֹ: סוּד
קִצִּים לְחַוּוֹת לוֹ | וּלְהַגִּידוֹ: וְתַרְדְּמָה גְּפִלָּה עָלָיו | לְהַרְעִידוֹ: תְּמִים קָרְאוּ וּבְמִסּוֹרֶת
הַבְּרִית הִבִּיאוּ | חוֹתֵם עָדוֹ: וְלְהַרְחִיק אִמָּה וּבְנָה | מִיִּצְחָק לְהַפְרִידוֹ: כִּי בִיִּצְחָק לְבַדּוֹ
יִקְרָא זֶרְעוֹ | לְהַלִּיץ בְּעָדוֹ: וְהִנֵּה תַפְקִד עֲקָרֶת הַבַּיִת | בְּבֶן יִקְרֵ אֱלֹהִים חֲמָדוֹ: בְּשֶׁר
לְאַבְרָהָם | אִישׁ חֲסִידוֹ: וַיִּמָּל יְלִיד בַּיִת | וּמִקְנֵת כֶּסֶף בְּשָׂקְדוֹ: וַיַּעַשׂ רְצוֹן אֵל | וּבְכָל
לֵב עֲבָדוֹ: שְׂמַח לְבוֹ | וַיִּגַּל כְּבוֹדוֹ: אָב לְבָנִים | יוֹדִיעַ אֲמָתוֹ וַיִּיחַדּוֹ ◊

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צוּרֵי | וַיְרֹם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל: רֹמְמוֹ ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ | וְהִשְׁתַּחֲוּוּ לְהַעֲמֵם רַגְלָיו קְדוֹשׁ הוּא:
קְדוֹשׁ | קְדוֹשׁ קְדוֹשׁ ה' צְבָאוֹת | מְלֹא כָל-הָאָרֶץ כְּבוֹדוֹ:

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The master of all creations, exalted with His glory,ⁱ the one who makes the planets on high move, [without] His hand touching them - He discovers [everyone's] secrets; yet no one knows His secret. The light dwells with Him,ⁱⁱ and there is none beside Him.

He chose the father of a multitude, His beloved, and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees,ⁱⁱⁱ and directed his steps;^{iv} because he destroyed images of ornament^v with all his might. The fruit of his mouth is a tree of life, and he wins souls by his teaching.^{vi}

And Pharaoh broke instruction,^{vii} his eyes saw his ruin; because he sent his hand [to take] the wife of Abraham's bosom.^{viii} And in the morning he begged him, and told him of his tribulations.

And while the five princes gathered, each one with his [own] preparation; he gave them weapons and saved his dear Lot. And Malchizedek blessed him to God the Most High Who supported him and delivered his enemies and robbers into his hand.

The word of Hashem came unto him in a vision, in order to appoint him, and to describe and tell him the secret of the end of times. A deep sleep fell upon him, in order to make him tremble. He called him a whole-hearted person, and brought him into the bond of the covenant,^{ix} as the seal of his witness.

[He told Abraham] to expel the bondwoman and her son, in order to separate him from Isaac, because Abraham's seed will be called solely through Isaac for defending him. Behold, the housewife^x will be absent with her darling son^{xi} whom God desired. He apprised Abraham, His upright man,^{xii} [with good news].

He circumcised the men born in the house and those bought with money, promptly. He did God's will, and worshiped Him with all his heart. His heart was glad, and his glory rejoiced.^{xiii} **The father to the children shall make known His truth and uniqueness.**^{xiv} ◇

Hazan: The living, the living, he shall praise You, as I do this day; the father to the children shall make known Your truth.^{xii} Hashem lives, and blessed be my Rock; and exalted be the God of my salvation.^{xv}
Exalt Hashem our God, and prostrate yourselves at His footstool; Holy is He.^{xvi}

**Holy, holy, holy, is the ADONAI God of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory.**^{xvii}

Allusions

ⁱ Ps 148:13

ⁱⁱ Dan 2:22

ⁱⁱⁱ Neh 9:7

^{iv} Prov 16:9

^v Num 33:52

^{vi} Prov 11:30

^{vii} Prov 8:33

^{viii} Deut 13:7

^{ix} Ezek 20:37

^x Ps 113:9

^{xi} Jer 31:19

^{xii} Deut 33:8

^{xiii} Ps 16:9

^{xiv} Isa 38:19

^{xv} Ps 18:47

^{xvi} Ps 99:5

^{xvii} Isa 6:1-3