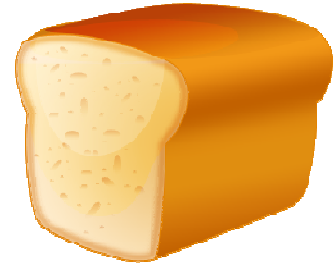




תְּשֻׁלִּיךְ Tashlich

To Cast Away our Sins

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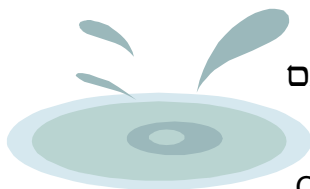
מִי־אֵל כְּמוֹךָ נִשְׂא עוֹן וְעֵבֵר עַל־פְּשָׁע לְשֹׂאֲרֵית נִחַלְתּוֹ לֹא־הִחְזִיק לְעַד אִפּוּ כִּי־חָפַץ חֶסֶד הוּא : יָשׁוּב יִרְחַמֵּנוּ יִכְבֹּשׂ עֲוֹנוֹתֵינוּ וְתִשְׁלִיךְ בְּמַצְלוֹת יָם כָּל־חַטָּאתָם : תִּתֵּן אֶמֶת לִיעֲקֹב חֶסֶד לְאַבְרָהָם אֲשֶׁר־נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לְאַבְתָּרֵינוּ מִיַּמֵּי קֶדֶם :

Who is like You God, forgiving iniquity and pardoning the transgression of the remnant of Your people? You do not maintain anger forever but You delight in loving kindness. You will again have compassion upon us, subduing our sins, casting all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and enduring love to Abraham, as You promised our fathers from days of old.

(מיכה ז: יח-כ Micah 7:18-20)



Today we have come to this body of living water to cast away our sins by performing the Jewish ritual of Tashlich. God casts our sins into the depths of the sea, and together we will symbolically cast away our sins. Relieving ourselves of the burdens which we carry with us from the year gone by. We purify our hearts and our souls so that we may move forward as the new year begins.



הִשְׁלִיכוּ מֵעַלְיֵכֶם אֶת־כָּל־פְּשָׁעֵיכֶם אֲשֶׁר־פָּשַׁעְתֶּם בָּם
וַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם לֵב חֲדָשׁ וְרוּחַ חֲדָשָׁה

Cast away from yourselves all your transgressions,
And create within yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.

(יחזקאל יח: לא Ezekiel 18:31)



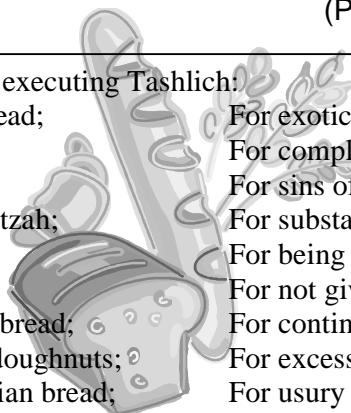
מִן־הַמַּצָּר קָרָאתִי יְהוָה עֲנֵנִי בַמְּרֹחַב יְהוָה : יְהוָה לִי לֹא אֵירָא מִה־יַּעֲשֶׂה לִי אָדָם :

In distress I called upon God, God answered me and set me free. God is on my side, I will not fear what people can do to me.

(תהלים קיח: ה-ו Psalms 118:5-6)

Some suggested tips for properly executing Tashlich:

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| For ordinary sins, use – White bread; | For exotic sins – French or Italian bread; |
| For dark sins – Pumpernickel; | For complex sins – Multigrain bread; |
| For truly warped sins – Pretzels; | For sins of indecision – Waffles; |
| For sins committed in haste – Matzah; | For substance abuse – Poppy seed rolls; |
| For committing arson – Toast; | For being ill-tempered – Sourdough bread; |
| For silliness – Nut bread; | For not giving full value – Shortbread; |
| For excessive use of irony – Rye bread; | For continual bad jokes – Corn bread; |
| For hardening our hearts – Jelly doughnuts; | For excessive curiosity – Wonder Bread; |
| For speed-limit violations – Russian bread; | For usury – dough |



(We will now begin the ceremony of casting away our breadcrumbs into the sea. We will read each declaration, and then take a moment to reflect and cast away this sin)

Let us cast away the sin of deception -- so that we will mislead no one in word or in deed, nor pretend to be what we are not.

Let us cast away the sin of vain ambition -- which prompts us to strive for goals which bring neither true fulfillment nor genuine contentment.

Let us cast away the sin of stubbornness -- so that we will neither persist in foolish habits nor fail to acknowledge our will to change.

Let us cast away the sin of envy -- so that we will neither be consumed by desire for what we lack nor grow unmindful of the blessings which are already ours.

Let us cast away the sin of selfishness -- which keeps us from enriching our lives through wider concerns and greater sharing, and from reaching out in love to other human beings.

Let us cast away the sin of indifference -- So that we may be sensitive to the sufferings of others and responsive to the needs of people everywhere.

Let us cast away the sin of pride and arrogance -- so that we can worship God and serve God's purpose in humility and truth.



Just as the crumbs stick to our pockets or folds of clothes, so too does sin cleave to the remote parts of our self.

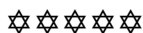
(We shake out our hems or pockets and throw the remaining bread into the water)



חָטָאתִי אֹדֵיעַךְ וְעֹנִי לֹא־כִסִּיתִי אֶמְרָתִי אֹדָה עָלַי
פָּשְׁעִי לִיהוָה וְאַתָּה נִשְׂאָתָּ עֹן חֲטָאתִי סֵלָה : עַל־זֹאת
יִתְפַּלֵּל כָּל־חֹסֵיד אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְעֵת מִצָּא רַק לְשֹׁטֵף מִיַּם רַבִּים
אֱלֹהֵינוּ לֹא יִגָּיעוּ :

I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, I will confess my transgressions to God; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah. For this shall every one who is pious pray to You in a time when You may be found; then surely the floods of great waters shall not come near them.

(תהלים לב: ה-ו Psalms 32:5-6)



אֲבִינוּ מִלְּפָנֶינוּ! חַנּוּנוּ וְעֲנָנוּ, כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים, עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וְחַסֵּד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.
Our Parent, Our Ruler, answer us though we have no deeds to plead our cause; save us with mercy and loving kindness.



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