

פיוט לשבת פרשת תולדות יצחק

אֶתָּה קְדוֹשׁ | פּוֹעֵל גְּבוּרֹת:  
הַגְּמֵל חֲסָדִים | וּפְקֹד עֲקָרוֹת:  
רַבּוֹ מַעֲשָׂיָךְ | לֹא יִדְעָמִי סְפָרוֹת:  
יִצְחָק לְיִצְחָק אֶהְיֶיךָ | עֲנֵה עֲתִירוֹת:  
אֲמָרוֹת יְהִנֶּה | אֲמָרוֹת טְהוֹרוֹת:  
בְּשֵׁר לְרִבְקָה | כִּבְּא לֵה צָרָה כְּמַכְפִּירוֹת:  
שְׁנֵי גוֹיִם בְּבִטְנֶיךָ | הִתְבַּשְּׂרִי בְשָׂרוֹת:  
וְרַב יַעֲבֹד צָעִיר | נִצָּב לְדָרוֹת:  
הִנֵּה נוֹלַד רֵאשׁוֹן | וְיִדְּיו שְׁעָרוֹת:  
אָךְ עֲקָבוֹתָיו | בְּיַד אֲחָיו עֲצוּרוֹת:  
סִמֵּן לוֹ | לְיוֹם עֲבָרוֹת:  
וּבְנִיזִד עֲדָשִׁים | מְכַר בְּכָרוֹת:  
כִּי לֹא נָאָה לְנִבֵּל | שִׁפְתֵי יִתְרוֹת:  
וְכָרְאוֹת אִישׁ תָּם | כִּי הוּא פֶרֶץ גְּדָרוֹת:  
שָׁמַע לְקוֹל אָמוֹ | שְׁלוֹם כְּנֻהָרוֹת:  
וְנִתְבָּרַךְ בְּכָרְכוֹת | מְרוֹחַ קֹדֶשׁ גְּזוּרוֹת:  
אוֹת גַּם בְּרוּךְ יְהִיָּה | הַסְּפִים אָבִיו כְּמִלּוֹת בְּרוּרוֹת:  
כִּי כָּל הַגְּזוּרוֹת | מִפִּי עֲלִיוֹן נִגְזָרוֹת:  
יַחַד יְהוּדוֹן | עֲלִיוֹנִים וְתַחְתּוֹנִים בְּזַמִּירוֹת:  
לְאֵל הַמְּהַלֵּל | בְּתִשְׁבָּחוֹת וְשִׁירוֹת:  
חַיּוֹת צוֹפִיּוֹת הַלִּיכּוֹת אֵל | וּמֵאֲמִירוֹת:  
שָׁמוּ וְזָכְרוּ | תְּמִיד מֵאֲדִירוֹת:  
וְתְּמִיד אֵין לוֹ דְּמִיוֹן | בְּכָל הַיְצִירוֹת:  
כִּי הַכֹּל | מֵאֲתוֹ נוֹצְרוֹת:  
וּמֵה דְמוֹת נִעְרָךְ לוֹ | כִּדְעוֹת הַנְּבַעְרוֹת:

◇ *lxx*: לְמִי תְדַמְיֶנִי וְתִשְׁנֶנִי | וְתִמְשְׁלוּנִי וְנִדְמָה:  
וְאַל־מִי תְדַמְיֶנִי וְאַשְׁגָּה | יֹאמֶר קְדוֹשׁ:  
וְאַתָּה קְדוֹשׁ | יוֹשֵׁב תְּהִלּוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל:

You are holy, O doer of mighty deeds,  
[You] perform kindnesses, and take account of barren women.  
Great are Your deeds, and I cannot count them.  
You let Yourself be beseeched by Isaac, Your beloved – O answerer of beseeching!  
Adonai’s utterances are pure utterances:  
He announced to Rebecca, when she had troubles as a woman in a first pregnancy:  
“Two nations are in your womb – be announced with the news!  
And the older will serve the younger, [who will be] established for generations.”  
Behold, the first one was born, and his hands were hairy,  
But his heels were restrained by the hand of his brother –  
An omen for him for the day of rage.  
And for a lentil stew, he sold his birthright.  
For excessive speech is not appropriate for a wastrel.  
And when the mild man saw that [Esau] was breaching fences,  
He listened to his mother’s voice – peace like rivers,  
And he was blessed with blessings, decreed by the Holy Spirit –  
And with the sign of [the words] “He, too, will be blessed”, his father confirmed [them], with  
clear words,  
For all decrees are decreed from the One on high.  
Together, the [angels] above and [people] below give acknowledgement, with songs,  
To God, who is praised with hymns and chants.  
The [heavenly] creatures look upon God’s ways, and glorify [Him];  
They constantly declare the nobility of His name and his mention.  
There is never anything that can compare to Him, among all creations,  
For all things are created by Him –  
So what comparison could we make to Him, as the foolish opinions [profess to do]?

*Cantor:* To whom could you compare me, and declare me similar; or note resemblance to me,  
and they could be compared? (Isaiah 46:5)

And to whom could you compare me, and I would be similar – says the holy One. (Isaiah 40:25)

*Congregation:* **And Thou art Holy, enthroned on Israel’s praises.** (Psalms 22:4)