

פיוט לשבת פרשת וירא

אֵיתָן אַחַר פְּלוֹת בְּרִיתוֹ | וּבְרִית כָּל הַמּוֹנִי:
הִרְאָה אֱלֹהֵי הַיְהוָה | בְּמַרְאֹת חַזְיוֹנָיו:
רָחַשׁ לְכָבוֹ | וּנְשָׂא עֵינָיו:
נִוְדָעוּ אֱלֹהֵי | שְׁלֵשָׁה אַנְשִׁים אַמּוֹנִי:
רָץ לְקִרְאָתָם | בְּטוֹב רְעִיוֹנָיו:
הִרְבָּה אֲלֵיהֶם תַּחֲנוּנָיו | בְּמִיטֵב הַגִּיּוֹנָיו:
מַעֲט הַזְכִּיר | וְהִרְבָּה עֲדָנָיו:
מִטְמוּנֵי סוּד | גָּלוּ לוֹ וּמִצְפְּנָיו:
אַחַד בְּשָׂרוֹ | כִּי יוֹלִיד בֶּן לְזַקוּנָיו:
וּשְׁנֵיהֶם לְהַפִּיךְ סְדוֹם | וּלְהַצִּיל לוֹט מִיַּד מִשְׁטֵינָיו:
אִז קָרַב אֵב הַמּוֹן | לְדַעַת רֹז וְעַנְיָנוֹ:
הֵאִין מְבַדֵּל בֵּין עַקֵּשׁ לְנֹכַח | בְּמִשְׁפָּטֵי אֵל וְדִינָיו:
וְעֵינָי הַיְהוָה הִמָּה מְשׁוֹטְטוֹת | וְהַכֵּל גְּלוּי לְפָנָיו:
וּמְחַמְשִׁים עַד עֲשָׂרָה | הָיוּ מִבְּחִנָיו:
הַיּוֹת לְכָל עִיר | שְׁנַיִם מִנְּאֻמָּיו:
וְלֹא נִמְצָא יָרָא הַיְהוָה | מִמֶּלֶא רְצוּנָיו:
אַזִּי הִשְׁחִית הַמְּקוֹם | בְּכַעַס חֲרוּנָיו:
וְשִׁלַּח לוֹט מִתּוֹךְ הַהֶפְכָּה | כִּי יִקְרָה נַפְשׁוֹ בְּעֵינָיו:
וּבְחֻשְׁקוֹ אֲבִימֶלֶךְ אֶהוּבַת רַע | קוֹל פְּחָדִים בְּאַזְנוֹ:
בְּמֶלֶךְ כְּהֶלֶךְ | בְּעֶבֶד פֹּאדָנוֹ:
יִסְפוּ | אִם לֹא יֵשִׁיב אִשֶׁת הַנְּבִיא אֶל מְלוֹנָיו:
וַיְהִינָה פְקֻדָּתָא שְׁרָה | מִמְּכוֹן מְעוֹנָיו:
וּתְלַד בֶּן | כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר אֱלֹהִים בְּזַמְנָיו:
וְהִרְחִיק אִמָּה וּבְנָה | מִמְּבַחַר פְּנִינָיו:
וּבְבִנּוֹ יִחִידוֹ | גִּסָּה בְּגִסְיוֹנָיו:
לְהַעֲלֹתוֹ אֶל הַר הַמְּרִיָּה | יִחְשָׁבְהוּ לוֹ כְּצִאֲנוֹ:
וּמִרְבֵּי אֲהַבְתּוֹ לְצוּרוֹ | הַשְּׂפָכִים וְשִׁנְסֵם מִתְנָיו:
וּבְבוֹאוֹ בַּמְּקוֹם הַקָּדוֹשׁ | וּשְׁנֵי נְעָרָיו לְפָנָיו:
הוֹשִׁיבֵם עִם הַחֲמוֹר | פֶּן יִדְעוּ צְפוּנָיו:
וְהָאֵב עִם בְּנוֹ הֶלֶךְ | לְהַפְקִיד פְּקֻדוֹנָיו:
עֲקָדוּ | וְשֵׁם הַמַּאֲכֵלֶת עַל צִוְּאָרוֹנָיו:
קוֹל מְרֹמֵימִים | שְׁמָעוּ אֲזַנָיו:
אַל תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל הַנְּעֵר | כִּי עֲצָמוּ שְׁשׁוּנָיו:
זֶה עֲשֹׂר פְּעֻמִּים נְסִיתִיךָ | עֲתָה יִפְתַּח זְכָרוֹנְךָ וְזַכְרוּנָיו:
אַחַר כָּל זֶה | נִשְׂא אִישׁוֹנָיו:
וַיִּרְא אֵיל אַחַר | נֶאֱחָז בְּסִבְבָּה בְּקַרְנָיו:
וּמַחַת בְּנוֹ הַעֲלֵהוּ לְעֵלָה | וְחַק זֶה הוֹחֵק לְבָנָיו:
זְכוּתוֹ תִּשְׁיַג | לְבָנֵי בָנָיו:

וּבְנֵה מְקוֹדֵשׁ אֵל | עַל יֵשֶׁר אֲבָנָיו:
מְקוֹם אֲבָנָיו | יִהְיוּ סְפִירִים בְּבִנְיָנוּ:

◇ חֲזוֹן: בְּיַבְנֵה יִתְּנֶה צִיּוֹן | נִרְאֶה בְּכַבֹּדָיו: (תהלים קב:יז)
בְּרוּךְ בְּבוֹדֵי יְהוָה מִמְּקוֹמוֹ: (יחזקאל ג:יב)

Piyyut Parasha: Vayyera

Ethan – after the conclusion of his covenant [of circumcision], and that of all his multitudes,
Adonai appeared to him in visions, appearances.
His heart was astir, and he lifted up his eyes.
He noticed three men, his faithful ones;
He ran to greet them, with good thoughts,
He greatly entreated them, with best intentions.
He mentioned little, but made many delicacies.
They revealed hidden secrets to him, and concealed things:
One of them announced to him that he would sire a son in his old age,
And two of them [went] to overturn Sodom, and rescue Lot from the hands of his enemies.
Then the father of a multitude drew near, to know the mystery and its details:
“Is there no distinction between a crooked person and a blameless one, in God’s judgments and
rulings?
But Adonai’s eyes scan [the world], and everything is revealed to Him!”
And [Abraham] examined if there were fifty, [even down] to ten,
[That is, if] there were [even] two of [God’s] faithful in each city [of the five].
But no one was found who feared Adonai, who fulfilled His will.
Then He destroyed the place, with His raging anger,
And sent out Lot from the middle of the upheaval, for his soul was dear in His eyes.
And when Abimelech desired the beloved of [God’s] friend, there was a fearsome voice in his
ears –
The wayfarer like the king, the servant like his master,
Would be finished off, if [Abimelech] would not return the prophet’s wife to his home.
And the Lord took note of Sarah, from the place of His [heavenly] lair,
And she gave birth to a son in his [due] time, as God had said.
And he distanced the handmaiden and her son from his select pearls.
And [Abraham] was tested, among his tests, involving his only son–
To bring him up to Mt. Moriah, and consider him like sheep.
And due to his great love for his Rock, he arose early and girded his loins;
And when he reached the place of holiness, with his two [attending] young men before him,
He had them stay with the ass, so that they would know his secret [deeds].
The father walked with his son, to give back the security.
He bound him, and placed the knife at his neck.
His ears heard a voice from on high:
“Do not set your hand against the boy; rather, his joy has become great.
I have tested you these ten times; now memory of you, and of him, will be written.”
After all this, he lifted his eyes,
And he saw a ram, behind, tangled up in the thicket by its horns;
He offered it as a burnt offering instead of his son, and this rule was inscribed for his children:
That his merit would reach his children’s children,
And God’s Temple would be built upon the stones of his righteousness.

May the places of his stones be of sapphire when they are built.

Cantor: For Adonai has built Zion, he has appeared in His glory. (Psalms 102:17)
Blessed is Adonai's glory from His place. (Ezekiel 3:12)