Welcome to the eighth week of *Journey Through Election Season!*

R' Elazar ben Azariah taught that "one whose deeds exceed their wisdom, to what may they be compared? To a tree whose branches are few but whose roots are many, so that even if all the winds in the world blow upon it, it is not moved from its place. As it is said, 'He shall be like a tree planted by waters, sending forth its roots by a stream. It does not sense the coming of heat, its leaves are ever fresh. It has no care in a year of drought; it does not cease to yield fruit' (Jeremiah 17:8)." (Pirkei Avot 3:17)

A Blessing for Election Week

May our roots deepen and strengthen
with deeds and with wisdom.
May courage flow like water, *mayyim*,
abundant and collective
And may we know the resilience and perspective
of our ancestors, who witnessed much and knew
the cycles of despair and joy
and persisted.

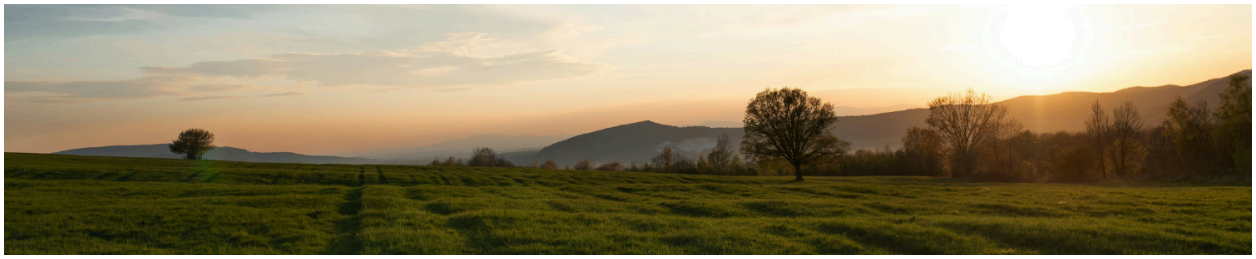
In times of sorrow and fear,
May we take time to grieve
even as we till our tears into the fertile soils
of conviction and joyous action,
for "Joy is not the opposite of grief.
Joy is the capacity to feel everything, including grief." (R. Alan Lew, z"l)

In times of celebration,
May we savor the music, the win, the wonder
of all that is yet possible.
May our leaders have the moral clarity and spiritual audacity
to lead, and may we
not forget that leaders in power
need us to hold them accountable.

Like a tree whose roots are many
we are the many
roots of this democracy
deep and reaching for the world we want,
drawing strength in community, human and more-than-human,
we hold steady
through storms and heat, we are not alone.

May we meet the world's yearning
With the work which is ours to do.
May our deeds support and sustain
the wisdom of a livable world for all
Election by election, generation by generation, *l'dor vador.*

May it be so.



WEEK EIGHT: *L'DOR VADOR / ACROSS GENERATIONS*

VOTE and make Election Day calls!

Monday, November 2
Featuring live music from Richie Barshay
5pm ET, and 7pm ET / 2pm PT, and 4pm PT

Tuesday, November 3 (Election Day!)
Featuring live music from Aly Halpert
10am ET, 12pm ET, and 2pm ET / 7am PT, 9am PT, and 11am PT

Take a creative break to recharge and regroup post-election.

Join us for the Gathering for Song & Solidarity (Virtual/Free)
featuring music from Eliana Light and Chava Mirel

Friday, November 6th, 12pm ET / 9am PT

Learn more and sign up to get the link: **dayenu.org/song-gathering**

Write your own blessing for Election Day or for the act of voting, or use one of the ones below. Say it in the voting booth, while dropping off your ballot, or as results roll-in. Make voting in every election a ritual!

- **Blessing for Election Week**, by Rabbi Laura Bellows (text above)
- Prayer for Voting, by Rabbi David Seidenberg, available here: neohasid.org/resources/votingprayer

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Missed a week? Check out the full *Journey Through Election Season* for guides for each week.

We hope that the rituals, creative practice, and actions in these emails serve as an invitation and a balm through this season of heightened anxiety, high stakes elections, and seasonal change.

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