

Parashat B'reisheet

Portion B: Genesis 1:20-2:6

FIRST ALIYAH

²⁰ God then said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let the birds fly over the earth, across the face of the expanse of the sky!” ²¹ God then formed the great sea monsters, and every living creature that creeps, with which the waters swarm, all true to their types, and every winged bird, each true to its type; and God saw how good it was. ²² God then blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply, fill the waters of the seas, and let the birds multiply in the earth!” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

SECOND ALIYAH

²⁴ God then said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every type: domestic animals and creeping things and wild animals, each true to its type!” —and so it was. ²⁵ Thus God made the wild animals, each true to its type, and the domestic animals, each true to its type, and every creature that creeps on the ground, each true to its type; and

God saw how good it was. ²⁶ God now said, “Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness; and let them hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, over the beasts, over all the earth, over all that creeps upon the earth.” ²⁷ So God created the human beings in [the divine] image, creating [them] in the image of God, creating them male and female. ²⁸ God then blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and tame it; hold sway over the fish of the sea and the birds of the sky, and over every animal that creeps on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Look, I have given you all the seed-bearing plants on the face of the earth, and every tree that has in it seed-bearing fruit—these are yours to eat. ³⁰ And to every land animal, and to every bird of the sky, and to all that creeps on the earth in which is the breath of life, I [give] all green vegetation for food.”—and so it was. ³¹ God then surveyed all that [God] had made, and look—it was very good! And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

THIRD ALIYAH

^{2:1} Completed now were heaven and earth and all their host. ² On the seventh day, God had completed the work that had been done, ceasing then on the seventh day from all the work that [God] had done. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, and ceased from all the creative work that God [had chosen] to do.

FOURTH ALIYAH

⁴ This is the chronicle of heaven and earth when they were created, on the day God Eternal made earth and heaven. ⁵ No shrub of the field was yet on the earth, no plant of the field had yet sprung up—for God Eternal had not poured rain down upon the earth, and there was not a soul to till the soil— ⁶ though a flow would emerge from the earth and water the surface of the soil.