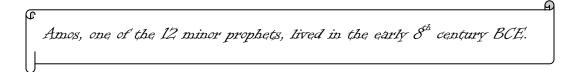
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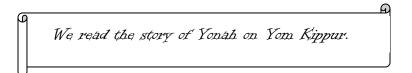
Amos 8: 4-6

- **4** Hear this, O you that would swallow the needy, and destroy the poor of the land
- **5** Saying: 'When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? and the sabbath, that we may set forth corn? making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances of deceit;
- **6** That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell the refuse of the corn?'

- יּ שִּׁמְעוּ־זֹאת, הַשִּׁאֲפִים אֶבְיוֹן; וְלַשְׁבִּית, ענוי- (עַנִיֵּי-) אָרֶץ.
- הֹ לֵאמֹר, מָתַי יַצְבֹר הַחֹדֶשׁ וְנַשְׁבִּירָה שָׁבֶר, וְהַשַּׁבָּת, וְנִפְּתְּחָה-בָּר--לְהַקְטִין אֵיפָה וּלְהַגְדִּיל שֶׁקֶל, וּלְעַוּת מֹאזְנֵי מִרְמַה
- ו לִקְנוֹת בַּכֶּסֶף דַּלִּים, וְאֶבְיוֹן בַּעֲבוּר נַצֵלָיִם ; וּמַפַּל בַּר, נַשְׁבִּיר.

- 1. What does this text describe?
- 2. Compare and contrast Amos's statement in verse 6 to Avraham's actions in with the guests that we studied in the first lesson (*Bereshit* 18:1-8).
- 3. How would you summarize Amos' message in a contemporary terms? Give a practical example of what we can do to help.

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Sefer Yonah 4:5:11

- **5** Then Yonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade until he would see what would occur in the city.
- **6** And *God* designated a *kikayon* gourd, which rose up above Yonah to form a shade over his head to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah rejoiced greatly over the *kikayon*.
- **7** Then *God* prepared a worm at dawn of the next day, and it attacked the *kikayon* so that it withered.
- **8** And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that *God* prepared a stifling east wind; and the sun beat upon Jonah's head and he became faint; he asked for death saying: 'Better is my death than my life.'
- **9** And *God* said to Yonah: 'Are you so deeply grieved about the *kikayon*?' And he said: 'I am greatly grieved to the point of death.'
- **10** And *God* said: 'You took pity on the *kikayon* gourd, for which you did not labour, nor made it grow, which materialized overnight, and perished overnight;
- **11** and I shall I not take pity on Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than one hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand and their left hand, and also much cattle?'

- ה וַגַּצֵא יוֹנָה מִן-הָעִיר, וַגַּשֶׁב מִקֶּדֶם לָעִיר; וַצַּעֵשׁ לוֹ שָׁם סֻכָּה, וַגַּשֶׁב תַּחְתֶּיהָ בַּצֵל, עַד אֲשֶׁר יִרְאֶה, מַה-יִּהְיֶה בָּעִיר.
- וּ וַיְמַן ה'-אֱלֹקִים קִיקִיוֹן וַיַּעַל מֵעַל לְיוֹנָה, לִהְיוֹת צֵל עַל-רֹאשׁוֹ, לְהַצִּיל לוֹ, מֵרָעָתוֹ; וַיִּשְׂמַח יוֹנָה עַל-הַקִּיקִיוֹן, שִׂמְחָה גְדוֹלָה.
 - ז נִיְמַן הָאֱלֹהִים תּוֹלַעַת, בַּעְלוֹת הַשַּׁחַר לַפָּחֶרָת ; נַתַּדָ אֶת-הַקִּיקִיוֹן, נַיִּיבָשׁ.
- ת נַיְהִי כִּזְרֹחַ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ, נַיְמֵן אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ קָדִים חֲרִישִׁית, נַתַּדְ הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ עַל-רֹאשׁ יוֹנָה, נַיִּתְעַלָּף; נַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת-נַפְשׁוֹ, לָמוּת, נַיֹּאמֶר, טוֹב מוֹתִי מֵחַיַּי.
- **ט** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹקִים אֶל-יוֹנָה, הַהֵּיטֵב חָרָה-לְּדָ עַל-הַקִּיקִיוֹן, וַיֹּאמֶר, הֵיטֵב חָרָה-לִי עַד-מָנֶת.
 - י וַיֹּאמֶר ה'--אַתָּה חַסְתָּ עַל-הַקִּיקְיוֹן, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-עָמֵלְתָּ בּוֹ וְלֹא גִדַּלְתּוֹ : שֶׁבָּן-לַיְלָה הָיָה, וּבִן-לַיְלָה אָבָד.
- **יא**ַ וַאֲנִי לֹא אָחוּס, עַל-נִינְוֵה הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה--אֲשֶׁר יֶשׁ-בָּהּ הַרְבֵּה מִשְׁתֵּים-עֶשְׁרֵה רָבּוֹ אָדָם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדַע בֵּין-יְמִינוֹ לִשְׁמֹאלוֹ, וּבְהֵמָה, רַבַּה.

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1.	Why is Yonah so upset and grieved about the loss of his kikayon gourd?
2.	The city of Ninveh was a non-Jewish city that repents after Yonah's message is delivered. What can we learn about our obligation to <i>Chesed</i> and <i>Tzadakah</i> from this?
3.	The text demonstrates that it is natural for people to feel closer to something they have nurtured and know, rather than things that are far away. How does Tzadakah and Chesed reflect that human behaviour?
4.	What can we learn from these texts about having pity for others?

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Bereshit 18: 1-8

- 1 And GOD appeared to him by the plains of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of the tent in the heat of the day;
- אַ נַיַּרָא אֱלֵיו ה", בָּאֱלֹנֵי מַמְרָא; וָהוּא ישֶׁב פַתח-הַאהָל, כַּחם הַיּוֹם.
- 2 And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, three men stood over him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the entrance of the tent, and bowed down to the earth.
- ב וַיִּשַּׂא עִינַיו, וַיַּרָא, וְהָנֵּה שָׁלֹשַׁה אֲנַשִּׁים, ָנְצַבִים עַלָיו ; וַיַּרָא, וַיָּרָץ לִקְרָאתָם מִפֶּתַח ַהַאהֶל, וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ, אַרְצָה
- 3 And he said: 'God, if now I have found favour בּנִילָ מָצַאתָי חֶן בָּעֵינֵיך ג'י, אָם-נַא מַצַאתָי חֶן בָּעֵינֵיך in your sight, please do not pass by your servant.
 - אַל-נָא תַעַבר, מֵעַל עַבְדְּךָ.
- 4 Let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and recline yourselves under the tree.
- ; יָקַח-נָא מְעַט-מַיִם, וְרַחֵצוּ רַגְּלֵיכֵם ַוֹהְשַּׁעֲנוּ, תַּחַת הַעֵּץ.
- 5 And I will fetch a piece of bread, and satisfy your heart; after that you can pass by; because you have passed by your servant.' And they said: 'So do, as you have said.'
- ה ואַקּחָה פַת-לֵחֶם וִסַעַדוּ לִבָּכֵם, אַחַר ָתַעַברוּ –כִּי-עַל-כֵּן עַבַרתֵם, עַל-עַבִדכֶם ; וַיֹּאמָרוּ, כֵּן תַּעֲשֶׁה כַּאַשֶּׁר דָבַּרְתַּ.
- 6 And Avraham hurried to the tent to Sarah, and said: 'Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes."
- וימהר אברהם הא^הלה, אל-שרה; וַיֹאמֶר, מַהַרִי שָׁלֹשׁ סְאִים קַמַח סֹלֶת– לושי, וַעשי עגות.
- 7 And Avraham ran to the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it to the boy; and he hurried to prepare it.
- ּן וָאֵל-הַבָּקָר, כָץ אַבָּרָהָם ; וַיִּקַח בֶּן-בָּקַר , וֹיָשַ ַרַדָּ וַטוֹב, וַיָּתָּן אֵל-הַנַּעַר, וַיִּמַהֶּר, לַעֲשוֹת אֹתוֹ.
- 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they ate.
- ת נַיָּקַח חֶמָאַה וַחַלַב, וּבֶן-הַבַּקַר אֲשֵׁר עשה, ניתן, לפניהם; והוא-עמד עליהם תַחַת הַעֶץ, וַיֹּאכֶלוּ.