

A Post-Election Prayer

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Nachamu, Nachamu ami

As Isaiah called out to God,
Today, I do, too

Nachamu, Nachamu ami
Comfort us, comfort our people

You don't speak to us directly
Like you once did your prophets

And still
We tried, so hard, to follow in their
footsteps

To be prophetic pursuers of justice
To hold our kings and rulers to account.
To declare that *pikach nefesh* is
paramount

To protect the lives and bodies of women,
of all who can become pregnant.

To stem the rampant destruction of our
earth

To defend our democracy.

To heal the fractures of our divided land.

Why, God?

Al tasteir paneha

Don't hide your face from us
Answer us.

Sh'ma koleinu

For those crying out, angry, afraid
Answer us

Hear our voices.

What is our mission now?

What lies on the road ahead?

We look to the prophet Mikah.
Your prophets can still be our guide.

We have been told before,
and we know what we must do

Only this:

Do justice

Love mercy

Walk humbly with your God

We walk humbly into a new reality
A time of disappointment and fear
A time not to forget what we can and
must do.

Like Queen Esther,

We rise to the challenge of our new era.

For who knows?

Maybe it is just for this moment

that we find ourselves

in a position to exercise leadership.

Be strong and resolute

Find comfort in each other.

Together,

We will pursue justice and mercy,
and walk humbly onward.