

4 Now there cried out a certain isha of the nashim of the Bnei HaNevi'im unto Elishah, saying, Thy eved my ish is dead; and thou knowest that thy eved did fear Hashem: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two yeladim to be avadim (slaves).

|2| And Elishah said unto her, What shall I do for thee? Tell me, what hast thou in the bais? And she said, Thine shifchah hath not anything in the bais, except a flask of shemen.

|3| Then he said, Go, borrow thee kelim from all around of all thy shchenim, even empty kelim; borrow not a few.

|4| And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the delet behind thee and behind thy banim, shalt pour out into all those kelim, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

|5| So she went from him, and shut the delet behind her and behind her banim, who were bringing to her; and she poured.

|6| And it came to pass, when the kelim were full, that she said unto her ben, Bring me another keli. And he said unto her, There is not any more keli. And the shemen stopped.

|7| Then she came and told the Ish HaElohim. And he said, Go, sell the shemen, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy banim on the rest.

|8| And then one day Elishah passed over to Shunem, where was an isha gedolah; and she constrained him to eat lechem. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in there to eat lechem.

|9| And she said unto her ish, Hinei now, I perceive that this is an Ish Elohim Kadosh, which passeth by us tamid.

|10| Please, let us make a small aliyyat kir (walled upper room); and let us set for him

there a mittah (bed), and a shulchan (table), and a kisse (chair), and a menorah: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in there.

|11| And then one day he came there, and he turned in the aliyyah (upper room), and lay there.

|12| And he said to Geichazi his na'ar, Call this Shunamit. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

|13| And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Hinei, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to HaMelech, or to the Sar HaTzava? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

|14| And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Geichazi answered, Verily she hath no ben, and her ish is zaken.

|15| And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the petach (doorway).

|16| And he said, About this mo'ed, according to the et chayyah (Gen. 18:10), thou choveket ben (shalt embrace a son). And she said, No, adoni, thou Ish HaElohim, do not give false hope unto thine shifchah.

|17| And the isha conceived, and bore ben at that mo'ed that Elishah had said unto her, according to the et chayyah.

|18| The yeled grew, and it happened one day, that he went out to Aviv to the kotzerim (harvesters, reapers).

|19| And he said unto Aviv, My rosh, my rosh. And he said to the na'ar, Carry him to immo.

|20| And when he had lifted him, and brought him to immo, he sat on her birkayim (knees) till tzohorayim, and then died.

|21| And she went up, and laid him on the mittah Ish HaElohim, and shut [the door] behind her and went out.

|22| And she called unto her ish, and said, Send me now, please, one of the ne'arim, and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the Ish HaElohim, and return.

|23| And he said, Madu'a (why) wilt thou go to him today? It is neither Rosh Chodesh, nor Shabbos. And she said, Shalom.

|24| Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her na'ar, lead on, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.

|25| So she went and came unto the Ish HaElohim at Mt Carmel. And it came to pass, when the Ish HaElohim saw her afar off, that he said to Geichazi his na'ar, Hinei, over there is that Shunamit:

|26| Run now, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it shalom with thee? Is it shalom with thy ish? Is it shalom with the yeled? And she answered, Shalom:

|27| And when she came to the Ish HaElohim at the har, she took hold of him by the raglayim: but Geichazi came near to thrust her away. And the Ish HaElohim said, Let her alone; for her nefesh is marah within her: and Hashem hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

|28| Then she said, Did I make request of adoni for a ben? Did I not say, Do not deceive me?

|29| Then he said to Geichazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my mishe'net (staff) in thine yad, and run: if thou meet any ish, salute him not; and if any ish salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my mishe'net (staff) upon the face of the na'ar.