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10.27 Healing Partnership - 2nd Commemoration

*I tell you this
 to break your heart,
 by which I mean only
 that it break open and never close again
 to the rest of the world.
 - Mary Oliver, Lead*

<p>1) Psalms 147:1-4</p> <p>1) Hallelujah. It is good to chant hymns to our God; it is pleasant to sing glorious praise.</p> <p>2) The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; God gathers in the exiles of Israel.</p> <p>3) God heals the Broken hearted and binds their wounds.</p> <p>4) God counts the number of the stars and gives each one a name.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">תהילים קמז</p> <p>(א) הֲלֵלוּ יְהוָה כִּי־טוֹב וּמְרֻבָּה אֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי־נִזְעִים נֶאֱמָרָה תְהִלָּה: (ב) בּוֹנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַם יְהוָה נִדְחֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכַנָּס: (ג) הֲרַפָּא לְשִׁבְרוֹי לֵב וּמְחַבֵּשׁ לְעַצְבוֹתָם: (ד) מוֹנֵה מִסְפָּר לְכּוֹכְבִים לְכֹלֵם שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא:</p>
<p>2) Exodus 35:30</p> <p><i>And Moses said to the Israelites: See, God has called by name Bezalel, son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">שמות לה:ל</p> <p><i>וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל רְאוּ קָרָא יְהוָה בְּשֵׁם בְּצַלְאֵל בֶּן־אוּרִי בֶן־חֹזֵר לְמַטֵּה יְהוּדָה:</i></p>
<p>3) Exodus Rabbah 48:2</p> <p>One verse says (Isaiah 40:26) "Raise your eyes on high and see who created these. God brings forth their legions by number; God calls to all of them by a name," (which implies that God calls all of them as one – y.e.); Another verse, Psalms147:4, says "God counts the number of the stars and gives each one a name (which implies that God calls each one by their own name – y.e.).</p> <p>How can these two verses both be correct?</p> <p>Because, when God wants to call the angels by group, as one, God calls them with one name, and when God wants to call an individual angel – God calls them by their unique name (and thus unique mission – y.e.), Michael, Gavriel etc. That is why it says – <i>And God gives each one a name.</i></p> <p>This is true in the Heavens – how do I know it is also true on earth?</p> <p>As it is written: <i>See, God has called by name Bezalel (Exodus 35:30)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">שמות רבה מ"ח:ב'</p> <p>(ישעיה מ, כו): הַמוֹצִיא בְּמִסְפָּר צְבָאָם לְכֹלֵם בְּשֵׁם יִקְרָא, וְכַתּוּב אֶחָד אוֹמֵר (תהלים קמז, ד): לְכֹלֵם שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">פִּיצַד יִתְקַיְמוּ שְׁנֵי כְתוּבִים אֵלּוּי?</p> <p>אֵלּא כְּשֶׁהַקְּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא מְבַקֵּשׁ לְקַרְוָתָם כְּאֶחָד הוּא קוֹרָא לְכֹלֵם שֵׁם אֶחָד, וְכִשְׁהוּא קוֹרָא לְכָל אֶחָד וְאֶחָד, בְּשֵׁמוֹ הוּא קוֹרָא אוֹתוֹ, מִיכָאֵל, גַּבְרִיאֵל, לְכָד נֹאמֵר: לְכֹלֵם שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">אֵין לִי אֵלּא לְמַעַל מִנִּין אַף לְמַטָּן?</p> <p>שְׁנֹאמֵר: רְאוּ קָרָא ה' בְּשֵׁם בְּצַלְאֵל.</p>

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4) Leviticus Rabba 7:2

Rabbi Alexandri said, "If an ordinary person uses broken vessels, it is seen as something negative, but the vessels used by the Holy Blessed One are all broken, as it is said "God is close to the broken hearted." "God heals the broken hearted"...

ויקרא רבה ז:ב

אמר רבי אלכסנדר: ההדיוט הזה אם משמש הוא בכלים שבורים גנאי הוא לו, אבל הקב"ה כלי תשמישו שבורים, שנאמר (שם לד): קרוב ה' לנשברי לב. (שם קמז): הרופא לשבורי לב...

5) Rabbi Rachel Timoner – On Heartbreak, Yom Kippur Sermon 5778

This is where our pain becomes useful. It is through our heartbreak that we know where our work lies. Of all the brokenness in the world, all the issues and suffering in our country that trouble us, the shard that hurts most, the shard that pierces us, is the one we're called to act upon. That heartbreak is where we have a role to play in healing the world.

6) For a beautiful rendition of Psalm 147 – please see Rabbi Shir Yaakov Feit's moving musical piece here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyyUR2K29BM>