

Jewish Texts about Compassion

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Exodus 33:19

(19) And He answered, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim before you the name LORD, and the grace that I grant and the compassion that I show.

שמות ל"ג:י"ט

(יט) וַיֹּאמֶר אֲנִי אֶעֱבִיר כָּל-טוֹבִי עֲלֶיךָ וְקָרָאתִי בְשֵׁם יְהוָה לְפָנֶיךָ וְחַנּוּתִי אֶת-אַשֶׁר אֶחֱזֵן וְרַחֲמֹתַי אֶת-אַשֶׁר אֲרַחֵם:

Exodus 34:6

(6) The LORD passed before him and proclaimed: "The LORD! the LORD! a God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and faithfulness,

שמות ל"ד:ו'

(ו) וַיַּעֲבֹר יְהוָה | עַל-פָּנָיו וַיִּקְרָא יְהוָה | יְהוָה יְהוָה | אֱלֹהֵי רַחֲוּם וְחַנּוּן אֶרְוָה אֲפַיִם וְרַב-חַסֵּד וְאַמֶּת |

I Kings 8:50

(50) and pardon Your people who have sinned against You for all the transgressions that they have committed against You. Grant them mercy in the sight of their captors that they may be merciful to them.

מלכים א ח':נ'

(נ) וְסָלַחְתָּ לְעַמֶּךָ אֲשֶׁר חָטְאוּ-לְךָ וְלָכֵל-כָּל-פְּשָׁעֵיהֶם אֲשֶׁר פָּשְׁעוּ-בְךָ וּנְתַתֶּם לְרַחֲמִים לְפָנַי שְׁבִיחָם וְרַחֲמוּם:

II Kings 13:23

(23) But the LORD was gracious and merciful to them, and He turned back to them for the sake of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He refrained from destroying them, and He still did not cast them

מלכים ב י"ג:כ"ג

(כג) וַיְחַזֵּן יְהוָה אֲתָם וַיִּרְחַמֵם וַיִּפְּן אֲלֵיהֶם לְמַעַן בְּרִיתוֹ אֶת-אַבְרָהָם יִצְחָק וַיַּעֲקֹב וְלֹא אָבָה הַשְׁחִיתָם וְלֹא-הִשְׁלִיכֶם מֵעַל-פָּנָיו עַד-עַתָּה:

out from His presence.

Psalms 40:12

(12) O LORD, You will not withhold from me Your compassion; Your steadfast love will protect me always.

תהילים מ':י"ב

(יב) אַתָּה יְהוָה לֹא־תִכְלֵא רַחֲמֶיךָ
מִמְּנֵי חֶסֶדְךָ וְאַמְתִּיךָ תָּמִיד יִצְרוּנֵי:

Psalms 103:8-11

(8) The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. (9) He will not contend forever, or nurse His anger for all time. (10) He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor has He requited us according to our iniquities. (11) For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

תהילים ק"ג:ח'-י"א

(ח) רַחֲוִים וְחַנּוּן יְהוָה אַרְךְ אַפַּיִם וְרַב־
חֶסֶד: (ט) לֹא־לִנְצַח יִגְיֵב וְלֹא לְעוֹלָם
יִטּוֹר: (י) לֹא בַחֲטָאֵינוּ עָשָׂה לָנוּ וְלֹא
כְּעֹונֹתֵינוּ גָּמַל עָלֵינוּ: (יא) כִּי כָבֹדָה
שָׁמַיִם עַל־הָאָרֶץ גָּבַר חֶסֶדּוֹ עַל־
יִרְאַיוֹ:

Onkelos Leviticus 19:1

(1) ...And you shall have compassion for your friend as for yourself, I am God

תרגום אונקלוס על ויקרא י"ט:א'

(א) וּמִלִּיל יִי עִם מִשְׁה לְמִימַר