
In Conversation with Miriam

Finding Guidance and Hope

Take a few moments to read the poem, then reflect and write freely. Let your words express what matters most to you.

We invite you to write your personal prayer to Miriam—the one who might know what will bring you wholeness. What are you hoping for this year? How do you see yourself, your Jewishness, and your connection to Israel, two years after October 7?

Next, write Miriam's response to your prayer. Imagine how she might offer comfort, show compassion, acknowledge your feelings, and inspire hope.

Miriam's Prophecy

Osnat Eldar

It seems her faith was complete
As if she'd heard the promise of the covenant
Before it was given. If not, she wouldn't have
cast into the river's waters
A wicker basket
With a future leader inside
And the life of a people in the making.
And I, Walking among the shards of my fractured
faith
As though on pebbles on the banks of the great
river
Pray that she is standing far off
Knowing what will befall me

נבואתה של מרים

אסנת אלדר

כַּנְרָאָה שְׁאֲמוֹנְתָהּ הָיְתָה שְׁלֵמָה
כְּמוֹ שְׁמָעָה אֶת הַבְטָחַת הַבְּרִית
טֶרֶם נִתְּנָה
שָׂא לְמַלְא כֵּן לֹא הָיְתָה מְשִׁלַּחַת אֶל מִימֵיו שֶׁל
נֹחַר
תִּבְתַּת גִּמְא
וּבְתוֹכָהּ מְנַהִיג עֲתִידִי
וְסִפּוּר חַיִּים שֶׁל עִם מְתֵהוָה.
וְאַנִּי,
הַמְתֵּהֲלֶכֶת בֵּין חֲרָסִי אֲמוֹנָתִי הַשְּׁבוּרָה
כְּעַל חֲלוּקֵי נַחַל לַגְדוּתֵיו שֶׁל הַנֶּהָר הַגָּדוֹל
מִתְפַּלֶּלֶת שֶׁהִיא מְתִיצֶבֶת מְרַחֶק
וְיֹדַעַת מָה יַעֲשֶׂה לִּי.