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The Giant Katz (IAF Major Aharon "Areleh" Katz)

Often
man's stature
increases with death,
not so the giant Katz,
his legend and life
of equal greatness.
Born of holocaust survivors,

he chose to serve,
not to be served.
Son.
Husband.
Father.
Pilot/Navigator.
Jew.
With humble strength
he stood above his peers
setting an example
few could touch,
then dying in service
to country.
His last words
as fouled chute
increased his speed
earthward,
"Does anybody hear me?"
The nation did,
and still does.
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Blind Truth

Truth of Scripture
written for man
by the G-d of Abraham
was given life
and breath
by the hand
of Arab land.
"Blessed are those
who care for Israel,
cursed are those
who rage their hand
against my land."

For those who serve
little gods,
the force of scripture
is lost
in the blindness of sin
as they stagger
in wander
with the wealth
of ages
and failure of time
to prove their way,
so the Potter
spins-----
one for honor
another
for destruction.

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Elijah

The power of G-d
in a man.
Prophet of Tishbe.
Enemy of Ahab,
spoiler of Jezebel,
destroyer of baal
and his prophets.
G-d's man for the time
to an idolatrous people
mixing true worship
with paganism
as the world today.

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Song of the Soil

The rocks and hills
of Zion sing
the land's perfect melody
played on #####
of woodland and winds
across the valley of Dan
beyond wadis of hope.
A song of the soil
only for ears of Israel
and never heard
in hearts of interlopers.
A gift of G-d most high
to the redeeming rain
for purchase of life
from the land eternal.

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The Shepherd Boy King

David,
anointed by oil and Spirit,
armed with sling and stone,
served the flesh
of Goliath and Philistine
to bird and beast
of Elah valley.
Boy by age.
Giant in spirit.

He stood
above all Israel
understanding
G-d's vision
for the flock
of his pasture.

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Fear and Wisdom

Has not the G-d
of our fathers
authored wisdom
and wed it to fear
for many offspring?
Should we not sit
with wise men
and dine
on the succulent flavor
of his favor?
Is not
the fear of the L-rd
a guarding angel
for those who know right
and set their face
to the flint of obedience?
A bag of many shekels
stir the heart,
but wisdom is it's own reward
with a still small voice
in the night.

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Choose You This Day

Can a nation divided,
long stand?
Who can bind the wound
and pour oil?
Should patient
serve physician?
Or the dead
bury our living?
Or a woman
ransom the pious?

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The Lady of Our Light

Her flame burns high
from a passion for light
filling earth
with hope
of truth
to set free
those who love
Lady Liberty.

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Judaism

Inspiration provided by a Rabbi's
visit to American hospitals where
clergy of all faith minister to
the sick and injured.

The pains of our heart
are soothed
by the streams of Judaism
as good Rabbis
whisper
words of hope
and blessing
at the pillows
of hopelessness
where steams of healing
ebb and flow
to deep lakes
of smooth water
in peaceful tranquility,
renewing the spirit/body.

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Bethlehem Still

Gone are the guns
and garb of war.
Left,
vacancies
of Arab occupation:
silent streets
filled with
silent time.

Still
and real;
that night
with light
and praise
Jesus gave
creation
the Potter's spin.

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Gethsemane's Caretaker

shaded the footprints of Jesus,
sheltered his prayers
covered his disciples
in slumber
guarded the ages,
now waits
for his return
where they shared stars
as he nourished
Gethsemane's soil
with the lifeblood
of his agony.

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Golden Is The Gate

that was
sealed by prophecy

with mortar
and Arab fear.
It is through this gate
the rising
Son of destruction
will visit his enemies.

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Their World

Children bring their load
of delight
to our world
putting life on hold,
with free smiles
wrapped in childhood wiles
and pieces of wonder
stolen
from Aliceland.

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