

under Whose wings thou art come to seek refuge.

| 13| Then she said, Let me find *chen* (favor, grace) in thy sight, *adoni*; for that thou hast brought *nachamah* (comfort) to me, and for that thou hast spoken to the *lev* of thine *shifcha*, though I be not like unto one of thine *shfakhot*.

| 14| And Boaz said unto her, At *et haakhel* (mealtime) come thou hither, and eat of the *lechem*, and dip thy morsel in the *chometz*. And she sat beside the *kotzerim*; and he offered her roasted grain, and she did eat, and was filled, and had left over [*shirayim*].

| 15| And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his *ne'arim*, saying, Let her glean even among the *omarim*, and reproach her not;

| 16| And let fall also some [*out from the omarim*] of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.

| 17| So she gleaned in the *sadeh* until the *erev*, and she threshed what she had gleaned; and it was about an *ephah* of *seorim*.

| 18| And she took it up, and went into the town; and her *chamot* saw what she had gleaned; and she brought forth, and gave to her the left over [*shirayim*] after she had been filled.

| 19| And her *chamot* said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned *hayom* (today)? And where did you work? *Baruch* be he who did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her *chamot* with whom she had worked, and said, *Shem HaIsh* with whom I worked *hayom* (today) is Boaz.

| 20| And Naomi said unto her *kallah*, *Baruch hu* *l'Hashem* *asher lo azav*

chasdo et haChayyim v'et haMesim (Blessed be he of *Hashem* who hath not abandoned his *chesed* to the living and to the dead). And Naomi said unto her, The man is *karov* unto us.

MiGoaleinu hu (he is one of our kinsmen redeemers).

| 21| And Ruth the *Moabitess* said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep close by my *ne'arim*, until they have ended *kol HaKatzir* that is mine.

| 22| And Naomi said unto Ruth her *kallah*, It is *tov*, my daughter, that thou go out with his *ne'arot*, because in someone else's *sadeh* you might be harmed.

| 23| So she kept close by the *ne'arot* of Boaz to glean unto the end of *katzir haseorim* and of *katzir chittim*; and dwelt with her *chamot*.

3 Then Naomi her *chamot* said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek *manoach* (a resting place) for thee, that it may be well with thee?

| 2| And now is not Boaz our relative, with whose *ne'arot* thou wast? *Hinei*, he *winnoweth haseorim halailah* in the threshing floor.

| 3| Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing floor; but make not thyself known unto the *Ish*, until he shall have done eating and drinking.

| 4| And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the *makom* (place) where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.

| 5| And she said unto her, *Kol* that thou sayest unto me I will do.

| 6| And she went down unto the threshing floor, and did

according to *kol* that her *chamot* bade her.

| 7| And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his *lev* was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

| 8| And it came to pass in the middle of the night, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, *hinei*, an *isha* lay at his feet!

| 9| And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid; spread therefore thy robe over thine *amah* (handmaid); for thou art a *Go'el* (Redeemer).

| 10| And he said, *Berukhah* at *laHashem*, my daughter; for thou hast showed more *chesed* in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not the *bochurim*, whether poor or rich.

| 11| And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest; for *kol sha'ar ami* doth have *da'as* that thou art an *aishes chayil* (virtuous woman, Prov 31).

| 12| And now it is true that I am thy *Go'el*; howbeit there is a *Go'el karov mimeini* (Redeemer nearer than I).

| 13| Tarry this night, and it shall be in the *boker*, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a *Go'el*, well; let him do the *Go'el's* part; let him redeem you. But if he will not do the part of a *Go'el* to thee, then will I do the part of a *Go'el* to thee, as *Hashem* liveth. Lie down until *HaBoker*.

| 14| And she lay at his feet until *HaBoker*; and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that an *isha* came into the threshing floor.

| 15| Also he said, Bring the *mitpachat* (shawl) that thou hast upon thee, and hold it.