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Dear Shir Tikvah:

Of the abundant gifts I've received studying as a Rabbinic Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, the friendship and wisdom of rabbinic colleagues is amongst the most precious.

This Shabbes, I share with you the following Torah from my colleague and dear friend, Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek.

Please: read his words, grapple with his understanding of God, pause during Shabbat to give space for your own theological imagination. I'd love to hear your response to this teaching.

This Shabbat, I'm in Tel Aviv, praying on the beach with the congregation Beit Yisrael T'filati. May each of us lift our own prayers and open our hearts to the infinite beauty, agonizing pain, and radical Amazement of the universe.

Shabbat Shalom,  
Michael