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§ *Sh'ma:*

Declaration of Faith

Loving life

and its mysterious source

with all our heart

and all our spirit,

all our senses and strength,

we take upon ourselves

and into ourselves

these promises:

to care for the earth

and those who live upon it,

to pursue justice and peace,

to love kindness and

compassion.

We will teach this to our

children

throughout the passage of

the day—

as we dwell in our homes

and as we go on our

journeys,

from the time we rise

until we fall asleep.

And may our actions

be faithful to our words

that our children's children

may live to know:

Truth and kindness

have embraced,

peace and justice have

kissed

and are one.

—MARCIA FALK