## A few Biblical sources on despair and suidicality

## לְא־אוּכַל אֲנֹכִי לְבַדִּי לָשֵׂאת אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם הַזֶּּהָ כִּי כָבֵד מִמֶּנִּיּ וְאִם־כָּכָה אַתְּ־עֹשֶׂה לִי הָרְגֵנִי נָא הָרֹג אִם־מָצָאתִי חֵן בְּעֵינֶיִדְ וְאַל־אֶרְאֶה בְּרֵעְתִיּ

I can no longer bear the burden of this people alone--it is too heavy for me. If you would deal thus with me, please kill me; if I have found favor in your sight, let me no longer see my wretchedness. (Moshe, Bamidbar 11:14-15)

~if this is what it is, why me? why keep going? Yet she went on seeking God. (Rivkah, Bereishit 25:22)

## ַנָקְטָה נַפְשִׁי בְּחַיָּי אֱעֶזְבָה עָלַי שִׂיתֵי אֲדַבְּרָה בְּמַר נַפְשֵׁיי

I am weary of my life; my speech gives out; I will speak from the bitterness of my soul. (Iyyov 10:1)

## וְעַתַּה ה' קַח־נַא אֶת־נַפִּשִׁי מְמֵנִי כִּי טוב מותי מֶחַיֵי:

God, take my life from me, for me death is now preferable to life. (Yonah 4:3)

God, why do you cast me off, hiding your face from me? From my youth I am afflicted and near death; I am overcome, bearing your terrors. (Tehillim 88:15-16)

Save me, God, for the waters are flooding me. I have sunk in deep mire, where there is no standing; I have come into deep waters, overcome by flood. I have grown weary crying out; from pining for God my throat dried out, my eyes exhausted. (Tehillim 69:1-4)

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