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The tang of hand sanitizer,
The scent of granola
(Peanuts and oats),
The aroma of coffee,
The whiff of barnyard;
Casserole, cheesy with ham,
I'm almost certain.
Perfumes—the lavender
Of blue hair,
The musk of broad gold
Necklaces on tan skin.
Wine and bread.
Can you smell tears,
Whether salty with fear
Or sweet with joy?
Do praises have the aroma
Of Aaron,
Whether oil in his beard,
Or stale sprinkled blood
On his robes—
The smoking wood
And burnt
Flesh?