

Shabbat and Festivals at Home

Songs and Hymns

YOU SHALL SPREAD OUT

ופרצת. Genesis 28:14. God's promise to lacob, following his dream of the stairway reaching heaven.

ALL THE WORLD בל־ העולם כּלוי. A short paraphrase of a teaching attributed to Nahman of Bratzlav (1772-1810).

LET THE HEAVENS REJOICE ישמחו השמים. Psalm 96:11. One of the psalms recited during Kabbalat Shabbat; see page xx.

NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION לא ישא גוי אל גוי חרב. Isaiah 2:4.

YOUR SOVEREIGNTY מלכותף. Psalm 145:13, part of the Ashrei prayer.

EXTOL רוממו. Psalm 99:9. This verse is included in the Torah service; see page xx.

REJOICE ושמחת. A song combining the first phrase of Deuteronomy 16:14, referring to Sukkot, and the last phrase of 16:16, a summary regarding the laws of the festivals.

ת ופרצת ימה וקדמה וצפנה ונגבה.

You shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south.

U-faratzta yamah va-keidmah v'tzafonah va-negbah.

ַט יִשְּׂמָחוּ הַשַּׁמֵיִם וְתַגֵּל הַאָרֵץ יִרְעַם הַיַּם וּמָלֹאוֹ.

Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad. Let the sea and all it contains exult.

Yism'hu ha-shamayim v'tagel ha-aretz yir am ha-yam u-m'lo o.

י כַּל־הַעוֹלַם כִּלּוֹ גֵשָׁר צַר מִאֹד, וְהַעָקַר לֹא לְפַחֵד כִּלַל. All the world is a narrow bridge, but above all is not to fear. Kol ha-olam kulo gesher tzar me'od, v'ha-ikar lo l'faḥed k'lal.

יא לא ישא גוי אל גוי חרב ולא ילמדו עוד מלחמה.

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they study war anymore.

Lo yisa goy el goy herev v'lo yilm'du od milhamah.

יב מַלְבוּתָךּ מַלְבוּת כַּל־עוֹלָמִים, וּמֶמְשַׁלְתִּךְ בִּכָּל־דּר וַדר.

Your sovereignty is eternal,

Your dominion endures in every generation.

Malkhut'kha malkhut kol olamim, u-memshalt'kha b'khol dor vador.

יג רוממו יהוה אלהינו,

וָהְשָׁתַחוו לְהַר קַדְשוֹ, כִּי קַדושׁ יהוה אַלהֵינוּ.

Extol Adonal, and bow toward God's holy mountain. Address Addres

Rom'mu Adonai eloheinu, v'hishtaḥavu l'har kodsho, ki kadosh Adonai eloheinu.

A song for Festivals. For other Festival songs, see Hallel, pages xx-xx.

יד ושַּׁמַחָתַ בְּחַגֵּרָ, וְהַיֵיתַ אַרְ שַׂמח.

Rejoice on your festival, and you shall surely be joyful.

V'samaḥta b'ḥagekha, v'hayita akh samei·aḥ.

Additional songs, taken from Shir Hashirim (The Song of Songs), can be found on page xx.

שירים וזמירות

אַבַקּשׁ: אַחַת שַאַלְתִּי מָאָת יהוה, אוֹתַה אַבַקּשׁ: שָׁבְתִּי בְּבֵית יהוה כְּל־יְמֵי חַיַּי, לַחֲזוֹת בִּנְעַם יהוה וּלְבַקֵּר בְּהֵיכָלוֹ.

One thing I ask of Adonal—this I seek: to dwell in the House of God all the days of my life, to behold God's beauty and visit in God's sanctuary.

Ahat sha-alti mei-eit Adonai, otah avakkesh: shivti b'veit Adonai kol y'mei ḥayai, lahazot b'no am Adonai u-l'vakeir b'heikhalo.

ב אלה חמדה לבי, חוסה נא ואל נא תתעלם.

These are the desires of my heart: have mercy and do not hide.

Eileh hamdah libi, husah na v'al na titalem.

ג אַלֵיךּ יהוה אָקרַא וָאל יהוה אֶתְחַבַּוְ. שַׁמַע יהוה וְחַנֵּנִי, יהוה הֵיֵה עֹזֵר לִי.

I call to you Adonal, and plead: Adonal, hear my voice and be kind to me; Adonal, be my help. Eilekha Adonai ekra v'el Adonai et·hanan. Sh'ma Adonai v'honeini, Adonai heyeih ozer li.

ד אשא עינַי אֵל הַהַרִים מֵאַיִן יָבֹא עַזְרִי.

I lift my eyes to the mountains: from where will come my help? Esa einai el he-harim, mei-ayin yavo ezri.

ה דוד מלך ישראל חי וקים.

David, King of Israel, continues to live on.

David melekh yisrael hai v'kayam.

וֹ הַבַּה נַשִּׁירַה, שִׁיר הַלְלוּיַהּ!

Let us sing a song of praise. *Halleluyah!* Havah nashirah, shir hal'luyah!

ז הנה מה טוב ומה נעים שבת אחים גם יחד.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. Hineih mah tov u-mah na·im ahevet ahim gam yahad

ONE THING אחת. This excerpt from Psalm 27 (which is read each day during the Season of Repentance) expresses the psalmist's deep yearning to live in the presence of God.

HAVE MERCY AND DO not hide חוּסה נא ואל נא תתעלם. This is a shortened line, similar in sound to the original line in the liturgical piyyut Y'did Nefesh (see page xx): אנא אלי, מחמד לבּי, חוּשה נּא, ואל תתעלם (ana Eili, maḥmad libi, v'hushah na, v'al titalam), "My God, beloved of my heart, hurry; please, do not hide!"

I CALL TO YOU ADONAL אליף יהוה אקרא. From Psalm 30:9, 11,

ו LIFT MY EYES אשׂא עיני. From Psalm 121:1.

DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL, CONTINUES TO LIVE ON TIT מלך ישראל חי וקים. The five Hebrew words of this song are first reported to have been said by Rabbi Judah the Prince (Babylonian Talmud, Rosh Hashanah 25a).

LET US SING הבה נשירה. It remains unknown who penned the four words of this short song. Yet, this anonymity may be properly symbolic of the leader's invitation for all to come and sing.

הנה מה How Goop טוֹב. Psalm 133:1.