

וקראת לשבת עונג



MASMIDEI HASHABBOS



Singing on Shabbos can elevate us, transform us and transport us to a new place - a place of Kedusha and a place of enjoyment and happiness. Let's sing together as a family and let the words of the Zemer carry you to where you want to go.

The Zemiros we sing on Shabbos are not just songs. Many Gedolim attribute great significance to Zemiros Shabbos and have said that the Zemiros were written with Ruach HaKodesh. This Zemer, in particular, is one of the oldest Shabbos Zemiros we have, and is printed first in most Siddurim.

כל מקדש שביעי KOL MEKADESH SHEVII

- כל מקדש שביעי • Whoever makes the seventh day holy
- כראוי לו • as befits him
- כל שומר שבת כדת מחללו • Whoever keeps the Shabbos according to Halacha in order not to desecrate it
- שכרו הרבה מאד • his reward is very great,
- על פי פעלו • commensurate with his actions;
- איש על מחנהו ואיש על דגלו • each man in his camp, each man with his banner.

אוהבי ה'

Those who love Hashem,

How do we develop love for Hashem?

The Rambam explains that when we look at Hashem's wondrous creations, and understand how much He does for us, we are automatically filled with feelings of great love for Hashem.

Another way to love Hashem is through Torah. Rashi (Devarim 6:5-6) teaches that the Pasuk of *Ve'ahavta Es Hashem Elokecha - You should Love Hashem your G-d...* is followed by *Vehayu hadevarim ha'elieh asher anochi metzavecha hayom al levavecha - These words (The Torah) that I am commanding you today should be on your heart...* because when we learn Torah we understand Hashem's ways better and come to love Him more.

Shabbos is a time when we focus on Hashem's creation and have more time to learn Torah, therefore the Zemer calls those who keep Shabbos properly *Ohavei Hashem - lovers of Hashem.*

המתקיים בבנין אריאל.

Who are waiting for the building of the Beis Hamikdash

The word *HaMechakim* is the same root of the word *Achakeh* as in *Achakeh lo bechol yom sheyavo*. Those who love Hashem anxiously await the coming of *Mashiach* and the rebuilding of the *Beis Hamikdash*.

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Bring Shabbos to Life

THE BOY WHO CARED

Recently, the talmidim in a Yeshiva were learning with their Rebbe, and the Rebbe noticed that the boys were unusually restless. He asked his students why, and the boys explained that their history teacher, Mr. Goldberg, was giving a difficult history quiz that afternoon. Rebbe told them to finish learning well, and then they could use a few extra minutes at recess for last minute cramming. The bell rang, and the boys pulled out their books and notes and were shouting out facts and dates to each other when suddenly, the principal appeared at the classroom door. He announced that Mr. Goldberg was sick and wouldn't be coming in that day. The entire room erupted in clapping and cheering. Everyone was so relieved! One boy, however, approached the Rebbe and softly asked: "How is Mr. Goldberg feeling?"

"Good question", answered the Rebbe - "and good for you for asking it. Boys, sit down a moment. I have a story to tell you all:

Long ago, there was a king whose only son suddenly passed away. It was a great tragedy, and the king's loyal subjects were devastated. Everyone had the same question on their minds: "Without the prince, who will take over the kingdom and be our next ruler?" The people were very upset and panicky. Only one of the king's top ministers actually put aside his own concerns and approached the king and said, "I'm sorry for your loss. You must be feeling tremendous pain." The king's minister put his own concerns for the future of the kingdom aside, and showed his compassion for his ruler. And boys, today, your fellow classmate put aside his own relief about the quiz, and showed his concern for his teacher."

By setting aside our own needs, and asking Hashem to bring the Geulah for His sake, we are feeling Hashem's pain for His nation and *Shechinah* in *galus*. Through this, we show the *Hakadosh Baruch Hu* that we love Him.

If we truly love Hashem, then we care about what's important to Hashem. *Chazal* teach us that the *Shechinah* itself feels pain by being in *galus*. When we ask Hashem to bring *Mashiach*, we are not only asking for ourselves, but for Hashem too. When we show we care about Hashem's pain, it also shows we truly love Him.

בְּיוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת שִׂישׁוּ וְשִׂמְחוּ

on the day of Shabbos be happy and rejoice,

On Shabbos, even those who yearn for *Mashiach* rejoice because on Shabbos we are living with such closeness to Hashem. It is similar to the level experienced when we have the *Beis Hamikdash*. (*Shem M'Shmuel, Devarim 1:9*)

The *Seforim* teach us that on Shabbos we experience such a great connection to Hashem and His Malchus that we elevate ourselves above our state in *galus* and are able to take a break from mourning the *Beis Hamikdash*. That's why even during the 9 days, on *Shabbos Chazon*, we still dress in our Shabbos best, sing *Zemiros* and fully enjoy Shabbos.

כְּמִקְבְּלֵי מַתָּן נַחְלִיאֵל.

as if receiving the gift of Hashem's inheritance.

The inheritance we received from Hashem is the Torah. Shabbos has a special connection to *Matan Torah* - in fact, the Torah was given on Shabbos. That is why we read from the Torah on Shabbos. *Kri'as HaTorah* is a reenactment of *Matan Torah*.

The source of this "mini *Kabbalas HaTorah*" is the Pasuk (*Vayikra, 21:19*) וּמִנְחַתְנָה נַחְלִיאֵל - And from Matana [they traveled] to Nachaliel and from Nachaliel to Bamos.

The Gemara in *Nedarim (55a)* explains this Pasuk referring to Torah:

כִּיּוֹן שְׂעוּשָׂה אָדָם אֶת עֲצָמוֹ כְּמַדְבַּר שְׂעוּשָׂה מוֹפְקָר לְכָל תּוֹרָה יִתְּנֶה לוֹ בְּמַתָּנָה שְׂנֵאמֵר וּמִמְדַּבֵּר מַתָּנָה וְכִיּוֹן שְׂחִינָה לוֹ בְּמַתָּנָה נַחְלוֹ אֵל שְׂנֵאמֵר וּמִמְתָּנָה נַחְלִיאֵל

Once a person renders himself like a desert, hefker to all, the Torah is given to him as a gift, as it is stated: "And from the desert Matana." And once it is given to him as a gift, Hashem gives it to

him as an inheritance, as it is says: "And from Matana, Nachaliel."

גַּם שְׂאוּ יַדְיְכֶם קֹדֶשׁ וְאָמְרוּ לְקַל

Also raise your hands in holiness and say to Hashem:

The Pasuk in *Tehillim (134:2)* says: 'שְׂאוּ יַדְיְכֶם קֹדֶשׁ וּבְרַכּוּ אֶת ה' - *Lift your hands in holiness and bless Hashem*. The *Metzudas Dovid* explains that just as when someone gives a Bracha they lift their hand towards the person they are giving a Bracha to, so too when we bless Hashem we lift our hands towards Him. The *Zohar (Z"Ch Chukas 40)* understands 'Kodesh' in this Pasuk to be referring to Shabbos.

בְּרוּךְ ה'

I bless you Hashem

We make Brachos all the time beginning with *Baruch Ata Hashem* - Blessed are You Hashem. Did you know that the *Nefesh HaChaim* understands that this means we are actually giving Hashem a Bracha? Can you imagine that? We give Hashem a Bracha?!

DID YOU KNOW?

Why is the Beis Hamikdash called 'Binyan Ariel'?

The *Mishnah (Middos 4:7)* explains that the word *Ariel* comes from *Ari* - a lion. The *Heichal* of the *Beis Hamikdash* was shaped like a lion - wider in the front and narrower in the back. A lion is a universal sign of a king, and the *Beis Hamikdash* is the palace of the King of all kings.



On Yom Tov there is a mitzvah of *Vesamachta Bechagecha* - to have *simcha*, but on Shabbos there is no such mitzvah. What then is the source of being happy and rejoicing on Shabbos?

The *Birchas Avraham*, Rav Avraham Erlanger Zt"l, who was just *niftar* recently, explains (*Birchas Avraham Megillah 22b*) that although on Shabbos we are not commanded to be happy, we have no choice but to be happy.

Imagine if you were suddenly transported to a place where the best food was served, the most beautiful songs were sung, everyone around you was relaxed and had time... would you need to be *commanded* to be happy? Obviously not. Every Shabbos, we are blessed to be taken to this joyous place. We not only enjoy the festive meals, songs and *Divrei Torah* in a calm and serene atmosphere, but we are gifted with a *Neshama Yeseira*, a unique connection to Hashem, and through this, we are linked to Hashem at a level that we cannot attain all week long. With all of this - how can we not be happy?



MAKE SHABBOS SHINE

What can we find this Shabbos to appreciate about the world around us - that will bring us toward a deeper connection and love of Hashem?

The Gemara (Brachos 7a) tells the story:

תניא, אמר רבי ישמעאל בן אלישע: פעם אחת, נכנסתי להקטיר קטורת לפני ולפנים, וראיתי אכתריאל קה ה' צב-ו, שהוא יושב על כסא רם ונשא, ואמר לי: "ישמעאל בני, ברכני!" אמרתי לו: "הי רצון מלפניך, שיכבשו רחמיך את כעסך, ויגולו רחמיך על מדותיך, ותתנהג עם בניך במדת הרחמים, ותקנס להם לפני משורת הדין". ונענע לי בראשו. וקמשתע לו, שלא תהא ברכת הדין קלה בעיניך.

It was taught in a braisa that Rabbi Yishmael ben Elisha, the Kohen Gadol, said: Once, on Yom Kippur, I entered the Kodosh HaKadoshim, to bring the Ketores, and in a vision I saw Hashem seated upon a high and exalted throne. And He said to me: Yishmael, My son, bless Me.

I said to Him: "May it be Your will that Your mercy overcome Your anger, and may Your mercy prevail over Your other middos, and may You act toward Your children with mercy, and may You go beyond the letter of the law."

The Holy One, Blessed be He, nodded His head and accepted the blessing.

This event teaches us that you should not take the blessing of an ordinary person lightly. If Hashem asked for and accepted a man's blessing, all the more so that a man must value the blessing of another man.

Bracha means to increase. A Bracha increases the good we have by giving us something we may need. When we bless Hashem we increase Hashem's kedusha in this world through connecting and recognizing Him. That is the blessing Hashem wants from us.

אֲשֶׁר נָתַן מְנוּחָה לְעַמּוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

Who granted the special rest [of Shabbos, only] to His people Yisrael."

Shabbos is for us, and only for us. As we say in davening:

• ולא נתתו ה' אלקינו לגויי הארצות.

And You, Hashem, our G-d, did not give Shabbos to the nations of the lands;

• ולא הנחלתו מלכנו לעובדי פסילים.

and You our King did not give Shabbos as an inheritance to idol worshippers

• וגם במנוחתו לא ישכנו ערלים.

Nor do non-Jews partake of the rest of Shabbos

• כי לישראל עמך נתתו באהבה.

For only to Klal Yisrael, Your nation, did You give Shabbos with love—

• לזרע יעקב אשר בם בחרת.

to the children of Yaakov whom You chose.

... SHABBOS SHMOOZE ...

How can our singing be more meaningful to Hashem than the singing of Malachim?

- דורשי ה' • Seekers of Hashem,
- זרע אברהם אהבו • seed of Avrohom, His beloved,
- המאחרים לצאת מן השבת • who delay departing from the Shabbos
- וממהרים לבא • and rush to welcome it;
- שמחים לשמרו • who rejoice in keeping it
- ולערב ערבוב • and to place its eiruv

- זה היום עשה ה' • "This is the day Hashem has made
- נגילה ונשמחה בו • let us celebrate and rejoice in it."

- זכרו תורת משה • Remember the Torah of Moshe,
- במצוות שבת גרוסה • which states the Mitzvah of Shabbos
- חרותה ליום השביעי • engraved for the seventh day
- ככלה בין רעותיה משבצה • like a bride adorned amid her friends.

- טהורים יירשוהו ויקדשוהו • Pure ones inherit it and sanctify it
- במאמר כל אשר עשה • with the words, "All that He had made" —
- ויכל אלקים ביום השביעי • "And Hashem completed by the seventh day,
- מלאכתו אשר עשה • His work that He had done."

- יום קדוש הוא • It is a holy day,
- מבאו ועד צאתו • from arrival till departure;
- כל זרע יעקב יכבדוהו • all the children of Yaakov honor it
- כדבר המלך ודתו • according to the King's word and law—

- לנוח בו ולשמח • to rest on it and to rejoice
- בתענוג אכול ושתו • with the pleasure of food and drink—
- כל עדת ישראל • "The entire Klal Yisrael
- יעשו אותו • will do it."

- משך חסדך • Extend Your kindness
- ליודעיך • to those who know You,
- קל קנא ונוקם • Almighty, jealous and vengeful.

- נוטרי ליום השביעי • Those who keep the seventh day,
- זכור ושמור להקם • Fulfill the mitzvos of "Remember" and "Keep,
- שמחם בבנין שלם • grant them joy with the rebuilt Beis Hamikdash;
- באור פניך • and with the light of Your face,
- תבהיקם • make them radiant.

- יריון • "Let them be satisfied
- מדשן ביתך • from the abundance of Your House,
- ונחל עדניך • and from the stream of Your delights
- תשקם • give them to drink."

- עזר לשוכתיים בשביעי • Help those who rest on the seventh day—
- בחריש ובקציר • from plowing and harvesting,
- (and the rest of the 39 melachos)
- עולמים • [may You help them] always.

- פוסעים בו פסיעה קטנה • Those who walk on it with short steps
- סועדים בו • And eat all three meals
- לברך שלש פעמים • in order to bless [You] three times—

- צדקתם תצהיר • may their righteousness shine
- כאור שבעת הימים • like the light of the seven days.

- ה' אלקי ישראל • "Hashem, the God of Yisrael,
- אהבת תמים • [grant] perfect love
- ה' אלקי ישראל • Hashem, God of Yisrael
- תשועת עולמים • [Please grant us] eternal salvation."



IT'S OUR TURN TO SING!

Tosefos (Sanhedrin 37b) shares a fascinating Medrash with us in the name of the Teshuvos HaGeonim:

The Pasuk in Yeshaya tells us (Yeshaya 6:2):

שְׂרָפִים עֹמְדִים מִמַּעַל לוֹ שֵׁשׁ כַּנְּפִיִּים שֵׁשׁ כַּנְּפִיִּים לְאַחַד בְּשֵׁתֵימָם יִכְסֶה פָּנָיו וּבְשֵׁתֵימָם יִכְסֶה רַגְלָיו וּבְשֵׁתֵימָם יְעוֹפֶף:

The Seraphim stand above Him, each of them has six wings: with two he covers his face, with two he covers his legs, and with two he flies.

The Malachim would recite *Shirah* to Hashem each day using one of their six wings. On Shabbos the Malachim say to Hashem: "We don't have another wing to say *Shirah* with to You today!" to which Hashem responds: "I have one more wing, as the Pasuk (Yeshaya 24:16) says: "מִכַּנְף הָאָרֶץ זְמִירוֹת שִׁמְעֵנוּ" - *From the wing on the land we hear songs of praise.*"

Tosefos teaches us that Klal Yisrael says *Shirah* on Shabbos, and the *Shirah* we say every Shabbos is even more precious to Hashem than the *Shirah* of the Malachim.

Throughout the entire week, the Malachim sing praises to Hashem, but on Shabbos it's our turn. Yes, just like the Malachim, now it's our turn to sing!

ZEMER ZINGER

"A Zemer lets you become aware of that which your head may not yet know, but which your Neshama is keenly aware of."

THIS WEEK'S MISSION:

- 1. PRINT:** Print out a copy for each person at your Shabbos table
- 2. SING:** Sing from the sheets and allow the words of the Zemiros to elevate your Shabbos
- 3. WIN!:** Ask your parents to email us at shabbos@kiheimchayeinu.com
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