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## **Hinei Ma Tov**

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Hebrew Text: Psalm 133:1

**Recorded on the CD Lev B'Lev**

*Translation: How good it is and how pleasant for  
brothers to dwell in unity.*

*Chorus*

Hinei Ma Tov umanaim  
Shevet achim gamyachad

How good it is, how sweet it is  
My sisters and my brothers  
That we can share this moment  
In the lives of one another  
And our voices rise together  
Higher than any one voice alone

*Chorus*

How wonderful, how beautiful  
What experience comes near it  
Our songs connect us all to God,  
A community of spirit  
So our voices rise together  
Higher than any one voice alone

*Chorus*

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## **Sukkat Shalom**

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*Translation: Sukkah of peace.*

A day ago we broke free of the chains of slavery  
A day ago we left our past behind  
The road ahead is long but our faith will remain strong  
As the promised land awaits our family

### *Chorus*

I see the stars shining in my sukkah  
As I lay out here tonight in the desert on my own  
I see the stars shining in my sukkah  
And I know that God is with me and I know I'm not alone

Today we make our homes in many places, many lands  
We're settled and we've built up rich new lives  
But houses rise and fall and a wall is just a wall  
If it crumbles our spirit still survives

### *Chorus*

Sukkat shalom, sukkat shalom  
This temporary dwelling is tonight my peaceful home  
Sukkat shalom, sukkat shalom  
I can hear the breeze blow gently by, whispering God's name

### *Chorus*

Tonight my God is with me, in my Sukkah, that's my home

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## **Zeh Hayom She'asa Adonai**

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In honor of the beginning of a great friendship

A spark's in the air, reflected in your eyes  
The world is alive and we are in it  
Our lives have touched, an unforgettable meeting  
Now it's up to us to savour each minute

### *Chorus*

This is the moment, don't let it slip away  
Hear the voice calling, telling you today  
is a memory in the making  
And it's yours just for the taking  
Zeh hayom she'asa Adonai

Look what we've found, a precious creation  
Relationships form in an instant or two  
Our voices are bound what a joyous occasion  
We'll celebrate this gift from God in everything we do

### *Chorus*

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## **All These Vows**

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Inspired by Kol Nidrei

When I was only 8 years old I wrote my Dad a letter  
Wishing him only happy times even though his father died  
Throughout the year his smile returned I new he would be better  
But then on Kol Nidrei Night my father stood and cried

### *Chorus*

All these vows that we make today must live on through a year of tomorrows  
And if we shouldn't make another Kol Nidrei night,  
May our loved ones not remember us in sorrow,  
May our loved ones not remember us in sorrow.

The faces on Kol Nidrei night all look a little deeper  
As their histories come rushing back and fill their quiet eyes  
The lights are dim the notes ring out our souls are in God's keeping  
We make our solemn promises with loved ones on our minds

### *Chorus*

Tonight I stand to sing the words I'll reach down deep inside me  
To find the passion and the strength to make my offering  
My Dad's been gone for many years, but now he stands beside me  
Connecting me to Adonai and those for whom I sing

### *Chorus*

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## **We Remember Them**

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Inspired by reading from Yizkor Service

Shaarei T'shuva, CCAR Press;

Rabbi Chaim Stern (ז"ל), editor

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There are days when we feel like something's missing  
There are days when our world is incomplete  
when what's light just isn't bright enough,  
What's right just isn't right enough  
There are days, there are days.

There are times when our words don't come out clearly  
There are times when our dreams seem far away  
There's no one who knows us well enough,  
no one who we can tell enough  
There are times, there are times

### *Chorus*

With the rising of the sun, we remember them  
And when the evening falls, we remember them  
When we take an outstretched hand we remember them,  
In our highest moments and deepest feelings  
We remember them  
May there memories be a blessing as we remember them

There were lives who marked this Earth forever  
There were lives who indelibly touched ours  
Whose presence lit the way for us, whose smile lit up a day for us  
There were lives, there were lives

And there are ways to move forward from this moment  
There are ways to take that journey home  
To fill the void inside of us, when darkness seems to hide in us  
There are ways, there are ways

### *Chorus*

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## **D'varim Chaim**

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In my life there are so many crossroads  
Decisions to make what road do I take  
Looking for a source for some answers  
To be there if I make a mistake  
And the answer's there sitting quietly, behind those beautiful doors  
Its story reaches out to me and stirs me up right to my core

### *Chorus*

D'varim Chaim, words of our lives  
Make our lives better, with each and every letter  
D'varim Chaim, words of our lives  
A light for all the world to see, shine us to our destiny  
D'varim Chaim

Human nature's changed very little  
Our ancestors struggled like we struggle now  
Their lives are a lesson unfolding in Torah  
Helping us to reach higher ground  
So the answer's been sitting quietly behind those beautiful doors  
Its story reaches out to me and stirs me up right to my core

### *Chorus*

It's a path to peace it's a path to truth if only we heed it  
It's our history, it's our gift to the world, if only we read it

### *Chorus*

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## **Lev b'Lev**

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*Translation: Heart in heart*

When we look for God we very often look above  
But that seems to be so very far away  
In spending time with you I realize God is in our love  
Fueling the fire of our lives from day to day

### *Chorus*

Lev B'Lev, heart in heart  
where my hand stops your hand starts  
in a circle of love that has no end  
Lev B'Lev, heart in heart  
God's been with us from the start  
In this complicated world you'll need a friend  
So I'll keep you close to me [all but last] Lev b'Lev  
(last time) And God will be with us, Lev B'Lev

When we listen for God's voice we hope we'll hear it loud and clear  
Like a giant clap of thunder from the sky  
But in singing songs with you it is the most attentive ear  
That knows God dwells 'tween the words for us to find

### *Chorus*

When we yearn for God's touch we hope all pain will go away  
In an instant , in a moment be renewed  
But as we work together, toward that sacred, peaceful day  
We'll find God heals each of us through me and you

### *Chorus*



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## **Sh'ma Koleinu**

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Hebrew Text: Machzor

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*Translation: Hear our voices, God.*

With humility and graciousness we stand before you  
The days have made us weary and unsure  
And although we've made mistakes the truth is we adore You  
And ask that you'll be with us evermore

### *Chorus*

Sh'ma Koleinu, hear our voices  
Adonai Eloheinu, our One and Only God  
Have compassion on us your children  
And with compassion hear our prayer

If you look into our eyes You'll find a quest for learning  
If you look into our hearts You'll find true love  
If you look into our souls You'll find a constant burning  
It's the fire that's been kindled from above

### *Chorus*

And if we've strayed, don't push away  
Help us to return to what is right  
We know that it's late, but we're willing to wait  
for Your answer, for Your blessing, for Your light

### *Chorus*