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A TU BISHVAT MYSTICAL MUSICAL SEDER

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FEATURED ARTISTS

Rebekka Goldsmith

Rebekka believes in the power of voice and regularly bears witness to the transformation and healing that can happen when people sing. She uses sound as a physical, emotional and spiritual practice for activating personal development and supporting deep group connection. Rebekka works with individuals, virtually and in person, and facilitates workshops, rituals, spiritual retreats and community-wide gatherings. In 2022, Rebekka will introduce her project, Hakōl (two Hebrew words that mean “voice” and “everything”), which will bring people together to activate the creative and liberatory potential of sound. She also performs and leads sacred music singing in communities throughout North America. Rebekka is an alumnus of Hadar’s Rising Song Institute Music Residency.

Visit [Rebekka's website](#) for more information and listen to [Rebekka's music on Bandcamp](#).



Batya Levine

Batya Levine (they/she) uses song as a tool for cultivating healing and resilience in their work as a communal song leader, musician, shaliach tzibur (Jewish prayer leader) and cultural organizer. They believe in the liberatory power of song to untie what is bound within us, and sustain us as we build a more just and beautiful world. Batya is a founding core team member of [Let My People Sing!](#) and is a Cultural Organizer with [Linke Fligl](#). She offers song, ritual, and workshops in a variety of communities, and composes original music made of Ashkenazi yearning, queer heart-medicine, and emunah (faith/trust).

Batya recently released her first album, [Karov](#). Learn more at www.batyalevine.com



Jessie Reagen Mann

Award winning Cellist Jessie Reagen Mann is a member of the Om Shalom Trio which combines traditional and original Jewish and Indian melodies. She has composed two works for Carolyn Dorfman Dance and was a member of Hadar’s inaugural Rising Song Institute Fellowship. Jessie can be seen performing in Philadelphia, NYC and around the country as a Jewish prayer musician in traditional and mindfulness settings, with a variety of ensembles and singer-songwriters as well as a baroque cellist with Vox AmaDeus. Pre-pandemic, Jessie performed in Broadway shows, recorded for many labels and appeared on a variety of TV programs. She has also performed around the world and at the White House, Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Radio City and Live 8 with Adele, Beyoncé, Jay-Z, Billy Joel, Kanye West, Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Savion Glover and many others. An educator since 2001, Jessie’s left-hand cello technique book, *60 Seconds to Excellence*, was recently published by Ovation Press. Jessie is thrilled to be a teaching artist with the Philadelphia Lullaby Project (through Carnegie Hall and Live Connections) helping new mothers and caretakers compose a lullaby to bond with their young children. Jessie has spent the last two years nourishing her three boys with CSA vegetables, sharing laughs and tears with her husband and setting up her home studio. www.cellochic.com



Micah Shapiro

Rabbi Micah Shapiro is a songwriter/composer, prayer leader, teacher and music producer. He is the founder of both Nariya-The Shabbat Sing Out and Yetzira-The Jewish Songwriters Collective and released his debut album, [Ta’ir Eretz-Light Up the Earth](#), in 2019. Micah was ordained by The Rabbinical School of Hebrew College and trained and studied with Nava Tehila in Jerusalem and The Rising Song Institute in Philadelphia. He has served as artist-in-residence for many Jewish communities around the country and has been a featured teacher on music and prayer for Hillel International and The Katz Innovation Summit. Micah was a vocalist on both Rabbi Yosef Goldman and Batya Levine’s debut albums and toured on percussion and vocals in the music comedy duo The Young Dads and the acoustic rock band Throwback before rabbinical school. His second album, *Zeh Ha-sha’ar*, is due to be released in May 2022.





GATHERING

Intro to the evening - seder guides, [Batya Levine](#) and [Rebekka Goldsmith](#)

Welcome - Dan Samuels, Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History

Land Acknowledgement

Beginning the seder ritual, story and song - Batya Levine

Invitation into Tree Time - Rebekka Goldsmith

THE WORLD OF ASSIYAH - Action|Doing|Earth|Winter

Guide: Jessie Regan Mann

THE WORLD OF YETZIRAH - Formation|Feeling|Water|Spring

Guide: Batya Levine

THE WORLD OF BRIYAH - Creating|Thinking|Air|Summer

Guide: Rabbi Micah Shapiro

THE WORLD OF ATZILUT - Emanation|Being|Fire|Fall

Guide: Collective

Featuring: Tree Chant by Rabbi Rav Kohenet Jill Hammer

THE WORLD OF ASSIYAH - Returning|Anew

Guide: Rebekka Goldsmith

CLOSING

THE FOUR WORLDS

BRIYAH

Creation | Thinking | Air | Summer

Wholly edible fruits

YETZIRAH

Formation | Feeling | Water | Spring

Fruits with a pit



ATZILUT

Emanation | Being | Fire | Fall

No fruit (smelling spices)

ASSIYAH

Action | Doing | Earth | Winter

Fruits with an outer shell

BLESSINGS

Blessing over Fruits of the Tree

Masculine G!d Language:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei peri ha'etz.

Blessed are You, Eternal our G!d, Sovereign of the world, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Feminine G!d Language

בְּרוּכָה אַתְּ שְׁכִינָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוּחַ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵאת פְּרֵי הָעֵץ

Berukhah at shekhinah eloteinu ruach ha'olam, boreit peri ha'etz.

Blessed are You, Shekhinah, Spirit of the world, who creates the fruit of the tree.

Blessing Over Fruits of the Ground

Masculine G!d Language:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei peri ha'adamah.

Blessed are You, Eternal our G!d, Sovereign of the world, who creates the fruit of the earth.

Feminine G!d Language

בְּרוּכָה אַתְּ שְׁכִינָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוּחַ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵאת פְּרֵי הָאֲדָמָה

Berukhah at shekhinah eloteinu ruach ha'olam, boreit peri ha'adamah.

Blessed are You, Shekhinah, Spirit of the world, who creates the fruit of the earth.

Blessing Over New Fruits

Masculine G!d Language:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, shehecheyanu, vekiymanu, vihigiyanu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Eternal our G!d, Ruler of the world, who has given us life, sustained us and brought us to this season.

Feminine G!d Language

בְּרוּכָה אַתְּ שְׁכִינָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוּחַ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיִּיתָנוּ וְקִיַּמְתָּנוּ וְהִגִּיעָתָנוּ לְזֶמֶן הַזֶּה

Berukhah at shehinah eloteinu ruach ha'olam, shehecheyatnu, vekiyamatnu, vehigiatnu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Shekhinah, Spirit of the world, who has kept us in life, sustained us, and brought us to this season.

Blessing Over Wine or Grape Juice

Masculine G!d Language:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Barukh ata adonai eloheinu melech ha'olam, borei peri ha'gafen.

Blessed are You, Eternal our G!d, Sovereign of the world, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Feminine G!d Language

בְּרוּכָה אַתְּ שְׁכִינָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוּחַ הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵאת פְּרֵי הַגָּפֶן

Berukhah at shekhinah eloteinu ruach ha'olam, boreit peri ha'gafen.

Blessed are You, Shekhinah, Spirit of the world, who creates the fruit of the vine.

From *Tree Psalms, A Tu b'Shevat Practice* by Rabbi Jill Hammer

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



As we enter into honoring Tu Bishvat together, a day that calls us into relationship with place, nature and land, let's take a moment to acknowledge the original people of the occupied lands that each of us are on.

I acknowledge the <insert name of original people where you are> community, their elders past and present, as well as future generations.

If you are not yet familiar with the original peoples of the land you are on, you can use [this map](#) to help you find out..
For more information on land acknowledgement, check out [this resource](#).

STARTING AT THE ROOT...

Put your roots down

Put your feet on the ground

You can hear what it says if
you listen

It's the sound of the river as it
moves across the stones

It's the same sound as the
blood in your body as it moves
across your bones

Are you listening?





Emet|אֱמֶת

M'eretz|מֵאֶרֶץ

Titzmach|תִּצְמַח

For all truths
emanate from the earth.

(Psalm 85:12)

Shirat Ha'asavim | Song of the Grasses

by Naomi Shemer based on teachings from Rebbe Nachman

דַּע לְךָ שְׁכָל רוּעָה וְרוּעָה יֵשׁ לוֹ נִגּוּן מְיוּחָד מִשְׁלוֹ
דַּע לְךָ שְׁכָל עֵשֶׁב וְעֵשֶׁב יֵשׁ לוֹ שִׁירָה
מְיוּחָדֶת מִשְׁלוֹ
וּמִשִּׁירַת הָעֵשָׂבִים נַעֲשֶׂה נִגּוּן שֶׁל רוּעָה

*Da lecha shekol roeh v'roeh, yesh lo niggun m'yuchad mishelo.
Da lecha shekol esev v'eshev, yesh lo shirah
m'yuchedet mishelo,
Umishirat ha'asabim, na'aseh niggun shel roeh.*

כַּמָּה יָפֶה כַּמָּה יָפֶה וְנֶאֱחָה כְּשִׁשׁוּמֵמַעִים
הַשִּׁירָה שְׁלָהֶם
טוֹב מְאֹד לְהִתְפַּלֵּל בֵּינֵיהֶם וּבִשְׂמִיחָה לַעֲבֹד אֶת ה'
וּמִשִּׁירַת הָעֵשָׂבִים מִתְעוֹרֵר הַלֵּב וּמִשְׁתּוֹקֵק

*Kamah yafeh, kamah yafeh v'naeh ksheshom'im
hashir shelahem.
Tov me'od l'hitpalel beineihem, uvyirah la'avod et Hashem,
Um'shirat ha'asabim, mitorerr halev umishtokek.*

וּכְשֶׁהֵלֵב מִן הַשִּׁירָה מִתְעוֹרֵר וּמִשְׁתּוֹקֵק אֶל אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל
אוֹר גָּדוֹל אֲזִי נִמְשָׁח וְהוֹלֵךְ מִקְדוּשָׁתָהּ שֶׁל הָאָרֶץ עָלָיו
וּמִשִּׁירַת הָעֵשָׂבִים נַעֲשֶׂה נִגּוּן שֶׁל הַלֵּב

*Ukshehalev min hashirah mitorerr umishtotek el eretz Yisrael.
Or gadol azai nimshach v'oleh mikdushat ha'aretz alav.
Umishirat ha'asabim, na'aseh niggun shel halev.*

Know that each and every shepherd has their own tune. Know that each and every grass has its own song. And from the song of the grasses the tune of the shepherd is made. How beautiful, how beautiful and pleasant to hear their song. It's very good to pray among them and to serve Hashem in joy, And from the song of the grasses the heart is filled and yearns. And when the the heart is filled by the song and yearns for the Land of Israel, a great light is drawn forth and goes from the Land's holiness unto it. And from the song of the grasses the tune of the heart is made.

Barukh she'amar v'hayah ha'olam

Barukh hu

Barukh oseh v'reishit

Barukh omer v'oseh

Barukh gozer u'mikayeim

Barukh m'racheim al ha-aretz

Barukh m'racheim al ha-b'riot

Baruch
Sh'amar
בְּרוּךְ שֶׁאָמַר

בְּרוּךְ שֶׁאָמַר וְהָיָה הָעוֹלָם

בְּרוּךְ הוּא

בְּרוּךְ עוֹשֶׂה בְּרֵאשִׁית

בְּרוּךְ אוֹמֵר וְעוֹשֶׂה

בְּרוּךְ גּוֹזֵר וּמְקַיֵּים

בְּרוּךְ מְרַחֵם עַל-הָאָרֶץ

בְּרוּךְ מְרַחֵם עַל-הַבְּרִיּוֹת

Blessed is The One who spoke and the world came into becoming, blessed is The Source of Life. Blessed is The One who makes Bereshit, continually creating. Blessed is The One who speaks life and truth into existence, who decrees and sustains, who is compassionate on the earth, who is compassionate on living beings.

Tree Chant

By Rabbi Rav Kohenet Jill Hammer

Mulberry, cedar
myrtle and apple,
willow, wisteria,
lilac and pine,

sycamore, chestnut,
juniper, hazel,
dragon's blood, date palm,
elder and elm,

holly and choke-cherry,
maple and apricot,
willow, wisteria,
cypress and pear,

pomegranate, plane tree,
yew and persimmon,
wormwood and dogwood
and poplar and fir,

Deciduous, conifer,
cherry and juniper,
mangrove and hemlock
and baobab and fig,

banyan and cinnamon,
larch, manzanita,
olive, mahogany,
aspen and ash

oak and sequoia
and spruce and magnolia,
linden and lemon
and quince, plum, and peach,

hawthorn and hornbeam,
cacao and coconut,
acacia and tamarind,
ginkgo and teak,

Tree of Life, be in us,
speak to the tree in us,
be like a bee in us
ferrying sweetness,

be like mycelium
weaving our unity,
be like the sap in us,
fluidly flow through us,

deepen us, darken us,
open us, blossom us,
raise us and root us
and unfurl our minds.

Guide us and seed in us
all that we need in us.
Green us and grow us
and bring us to life.

"And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." -T.S. Elliot

מודה אני | Modah Ani

מודה אני לפניך *Modah(eh) ani l'fanecha*

מלך חי וקים *Ruach chai v'kayam*

שהחזרת בי נשמתִי בחמלה *She'hechazarta bi nishmati b'chemla*

רבה אמונתך *Raba emunatecha*

I gratefully acknowledge Your Face; Spirit lives and endures;

You return my soul to me with compassion; How great is your faith in me!

עץ חיים היא | Eitz Chayim Hi

She is a tree of life to those that hold fast to her, all who uphold it may be counted fortunate. Hers are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. Return us, oh Precious One, let us return! Rent our days, as you have done of old!

עץ חיים היא למחזיקים בה *Eitz chayim hi lamachazikim bah,*

ותמכיה מאשר *v'tom'cheha m'ushar*

דרכיה דרכי נעם וכל נתיבותיה שלום *D'racheha darchei noam v'chol n'tivoteha shalom.*

השיבנו ה' אליך ונשובה *Hashivenu Adonai eilecha v'nashuva,*

חדש ימינו כקדם *chadesh yameinu k'kedem.*

Emet M'Eretz Titzmach

אמת, מארץ תצמח

For all truths emanate from the earth.



HAGGADAH DEDICATION

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in memory of
Debbie Minden Z"L
Beloved wife, mother,
sister, daughter, and
friend.

"Remember me amidst
the trees."

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THANK you!