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Rosh Hashana Simchat Tora

Chag Asif Levivot Avi Hidlik Shkedia Shir Hashotlim Shoshanat Yaakov

Masecha

Lecha Dodi Be Egozim

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Pri Gani Saleinu

Alumot

Goula Gill, former kindergarten teacher in an Israeli kibutzim, master of a vast repertoire of children's songs, and a dynamic, popular performer, sings Israeli holiday songs in Hebrew. She is accompanied by well-known Israeli composer and musician, Dov Seltzer, and group. They have made several tours of the United States as the Oranis-Tzabar Group. Hebrew text & translations included.

# GEULA GILL accompanied by DOV SELTZER AND GROUP HOLIDAY SONGS OF ISRAEL FOLKWAYS, NY FC 7738

There is in Israel much activity in the creative arts for children -- poetry, plays and music created by almost every serious artist, and mainly by those who are educators as well.

This is why there are thousands and thousands of childrens' songs which describe natu e in all seasons, tell stories, teach good habits, celebrate holidays, etc.

Jewish holidays in Israel have more than the traditional meaning because they have been reshaped and reintegrated to their natural environment.

Sukkot is really the holiday of the last harvest of the year, and the pageantry that accompanies the celebration is very much connected with this fact.

<u>Tu-Bishvat</u> became the national day of treeplanting, and a tremendous number of trees are planted all over the country on this day.

<u>Purim</u> is one of the merriest and most frolicsome of carnivals.

Passover -- a combination of the freedom-celebration, the start of spring, and the beginning of the harvest; the celebration includes the traditional Seder with the reading and chanting of the Hagada but consists also of a big pageant in the fields, where at the sound of trumpets and with songs of joy, the reapers start their work.

Shavuot -- the holiday of the first fruits. The gifts that used to be brought to theoold temple in Jerusalem are now brought to the Jewish National Fund, which uses them for the redemption of new land for agricultural purposes.

We chose the songs for this album as a crosssection of the most popular and beloved childrens' songs which are traditional for the holidays.

In some cases we have tried to show different aspects of the same holiday. For instance:

The Passover Song of the Exodus and the songs of the chestnuts game, which is played by children in the same season.

Tu-Bishvat: The budding of the almond tree and the march of the planters.

Chanuka: The making of pancakes (latkes) and the lighting of candles, etc.

We have also tried to represent most of the holidays that children have special interest in, and to show the influence of tradition on songs as well as the influence of nature and modern life on them.

- Dov Seltzer

# Accompaniment:

Anita Sheer - Guitar Gideon Schwartz - Recorders (chalilit) Michael Kagan - Oriental drums and percussion Dov Seltzer - Accordion (courtesy Cortesano Instrument Co.) GEULA GILL masters a vast repertoire of children's songs; her collection is as big as many published songbooks.

I remember when I was teaching in Israel and all the books I used didn't help me to find a new and interesting song to teach the children, I came to Geula and she always knew some more songs that were never published, that belonged to an old tradition or to an ethnic group, or just a simple, nice children's song that was exactly what I was looking for.

She remembers songs that she learned as a little child in kindergarten, when she used to be the soloist on all holidays, or at home where all her family used to like to hear little Geula, standing on a chair, singing old and new tunes; or in grammar school where her music teacher (now one of the most prominent composers in Israel) used to call upon her to illustrate before the class how the songs should be sung.

Later, after finishing service in the Israeli army, Geula graduated from the teachers seminary and became a kindergarten teacher in one of the kibutzim (agricultural settlement).

But Geula's call for the stage (she started appearing while in the army) was stronger, and she started on an extended tour of the U.S.A., Canada and South America.

She has appeared in the last three years as soloist and with the Oranim-Tzabar Group, on the stage, in night-clubs, on radio and television. She has also made a number of records, including Israeli Dances (Folkways FW6935) and Yemenite Folk Songs (Folkways FW8735).

DOV SELTZER is known in Israel and abroad as a composer, arranger, conductor and musician with a deep interest in education.

He taught music in elementary and high schools in Israel and found that teaching needs at least as much inventiveness and imagination as composing.

In constant contact with children and close to the celebrations and festivals in school and nursery, Dov wrote a number of songs for these special occasions. Many of the lyrics for these songs were written by Geula Gill.

His latest appointment in the educational field is a teaching position at the Mannes College of Music in New York City.

Dov also went on tour with Geula Gill and the Oranim-Tzabar Group and did the musical arrangements, some of the composing, and the conducting for all of Guela's records

# Guide to pronunciation

Most of the letters can be pronounced as in english.

#### Remarks:

ah as in Utah

as in french ballet eh

short "uh" sound as in beginning

always as in give

usual English h

as in Mohammed, houmus

as in Scottish night, Dutch Haag, German

Bach, Castillian-spanish Jose

more like all than like go

rolled r

as in rye

In words of more than one SYLlable, the CApitalized SYLlable reCIEVES the main accentuAtion.

The hyphen stands for the glottal stop as in co-operate.

# ראש השנה NEW YEARS DAY

שנה עוברת באה שנה. A year has passed, ה" לתפאוסת the new year is coming. ה" ברוכה. Be, oh, be a year of glory, be a blessed year. ברכי אדמתנו

כל רגב והר Bless our soil, הרבי יבולנו its furrows, its hills. Make our crop plentiful בשפע מטר by bringing us much rain. שנה עוברת.... A year has ...

ברכי ושמחי נא Bless our sons and daughters, בנות ובנים let them be happy and gay.

Spread out happiness for all and let the workers work in peace. שלום לעובדים. A year has ... שנה עוברת....

"סנגינה: דב זלצר Lyrics: Geula Gill Music : Dov Seltzer סילים: גאולה גיל

# rosh hahshahNAH

חג עליז

זהו חג

ויום אורה

שמחת תורה

חג עליז....

חג עליז ....

חג על יז ....

שירו שיר בנים בנות

נתלכדה יד ביד

סובבו בצהלה

רננו במקהלה.

יחד צאו נא בסחולות.

למעגל גדול אחד.

shahNAH oVEHret bah-AH shahNAH hehYEE letif-EHret hehYEE berooKHAH

bahreKHEE admahTEHnoo kol REHgev veHAR harBEE yévooLEHnoo béSHEHfah mahTAR shahNAH ...

bahr¢KHEE v¢samKHEE nah bahNOT oovahNEEM rov Osher parSEE nah shahLOM lah-ovDEEM shahNAH ...

#### סנגינה: דב זלצר שמחת תורה SIMCHATH THORAH סילים: גאולה גיל

A day of light, a feast so bright, that's how we spend Simchat Thorah

Sing a song, boys and girls, sing and dance together.

A day of ...

Come, join hands, in a large circle, all of you. A day of ...

Turn around in merry rounds, and sing with me in chorus:

"A day of light, "afeast so bright, that's how we spend "Simchat Thorah."

Lyrics: Geula Gill Music: Dov Seltzer

# seemHAHT toRAH

hang ahLEEZ veYOM oRAH ZEhoo hahg seemHAHT toRAH SHEEroo sheer bahNEEM bahNOT YAhahd ts∉-OO nah bimhoLOT hag ahLEEZ etc...

neetlahKEHdah yahd beYAHD l¢ma-ahGAL gahDOL ehĤAHD hahg ahLEEZ etc...

soveVOO betsehahLAH rahneNOO bemahk-hehLAH hang ahLEEZ etc...



Photo by David Gahr

# HARVEST'S END

- סילים: ש. לוי חג אסיף מגינה: ם. רפפורם

In the field, in the valley the reapers work is done; now with the coming of autumn we celebrate the bringing in of the crop with merry songs. כבר הלף בציר קציר A year of peace, of fruitful rain

we wish the farmer, the vintner. Under the green leaves harvest's end we celebrate.

Harvest feast, harvest feast,

give us more of it and more.

Lyrics: Sara Levy Music: M. Rappaport כן ירבה וכן יוסיף.

ליוגב ולאכר

שנת שלום ושנת מטר

בשדה בנאי בניר

ועתה עם בא הסתו

חג אסיף בגיל נשיר.

kehn yeerBEH veKHEHN yoSEEF bahsahDEH bahGYE bahNEER kvar hahLAHF bahTSEER kahTSEER v∉-ahTAH im bo hasTAHV hang ahSEEF beGEEL nahSHEER lahyoGEHV vela-eeKAR shnaht shahLOM coshNAHT mahTAR ooVAYN YEHrek heh-ahLEEM

hang anseef hang anseef

hang ahSEEF begeel nimHAR

ובין ירוק העלים. תג אסיף בגיל נסהר.

לביבות - סילים: ח.נ.ביאלים PANCAKES

Flour, flour from the sack קסח, קמח מין השק שמן, שמן מין הכד and oil from the jug. It's Chanuka today, the lovely holiday. חנוכה היום, חג יפה נחסד. Let's make pancakes for the feast. הבה נלבב לביבות לחג.

Add an egg now from the basket, עוד נוסיף ביצה מסל עוד סוכר דק והסל בואו לשולחן, לביבות נאכל. לל... some sugar, and the work is done. Come to the table all, pancakes we shall eat.

Now that we have finished eating all the pancakes, say, what else is left for us to do? Just to dance, to be gay and happy.

Lyrics: Sh. Bass Music: P. Grinshpon 1¢veeVOT

hang ahSEEF

KEMmah KEMmah meen hahSSAHK SHEMmen SHEMmen meen hahKAHD hahnooKAH hahYOM hahg yahFEH neh@MAHD HAHvah nélahBEHV léveeVOT lahHAHG La la ...

od nosSEEF bayTSAH meesSAL od sooKAR dahk vehahsSAL BO-oo lashoolfAN leveeVOT noKHAHL La la ...

keVAR ahKHALnoo leveeVOT mah noTAR od lah-ahSOT liss MOah veleer KOD La la ...

# MY FATHER LIT THE CANDLES

My father has lit the candles for me, the "Shamash" served him as a torch. Don't you know why? Because it's chanuka

My mother has made me a pancake to eat, a pancake sizzling hot and sweet. Don't you ...

My uncle has bought me a spinning top, it's cast of molten lead. Don't you ...

Traditional Melody

אבי הדליק "מנגינה: עסורתית

כבר אכלנו לביבות

מה נותר עוד לעשות? לשמח ולרקוד. לל....

אבי הדלים נרות לי ושמש לי אבוקה יודעים אחם לכבוד מה לכבוד החנוכה. לי אסי נתנה לביבה לביבה חמה ומתוקה. יודעים אתם לכבוד מה לכבוד החנוכה.

לי דודי קנה סביבון סביבון מעופרת יצוקה. יודעים אתם לכבוד מה לכבוד החנוכה.

ahVEE hidLEEK

ahVEE hidLEEK nehROT lee veshah MAHSH lo ahvooKAH yod-EEM ahTEM likhVOD mah likhVOD hahanooKAH

lee ee MEE nahtNAH leveeVAH hah MAH oometooKAH yod-EEM ...

lee doDEE kah NAH seveeVON meh-oFEHret yetsooKAH vod-EEM

# THE ALMOND TREE

In the garden joy breaks out; the almond tree has blossomed.

The almond tree is beautiful and yields good almonds too, good almonds for me.

Lyrics: L. Rosenzweig Music: Dov Seltzer

hashekehdee YAH

hasseemHAH bahGAHN rahBAH hashekehdeeYAH hahYOM parHAH hashekehdee YAH meleh-AH rahy hehn shekehDEEM toVEEM lee titTEHN

#### TREEPLANTERS' SONG

Look how the planters march; a spade in their hand, a song in their heart. From town and from village, from valley and hill on the fifteenth day of Shvat. "Planters, planters, why have you come?" "We have come here to plant our trees

Lyrics: Y. Sheinberg Music: Y. Admon

on the fifteenth day of Shvat."

# שיר השותלים

כך הולכים הושתלים רן פלב ואת ביד סין העיר ומין הכפר סין העסק מין ההר בטו בשבט. לסה באתם השוחלים באנו הנה ונשתול

### sheer hashotLEEM

kakh holkheem hashotLeem
ron ballehv v¢-eht bahyahd
meen ha-eer oomeen hakk¢far
meen hah-ehmek meen hahar
b¢TOO bishVaht
Lahmah bah-ahtem hashotleem
Bahnoo hehnah v¢nishtol
b¢TOO bishVaht

# THE ROSE OF JACOB

שושנת ימקב - מילים: זמר לופירם מנגינה: י. אדמון

shoSHAHnaht yah-ahKOV

The rose of Jacob
rejoices in its glory,
seeing Mordechai being honoured
in the sky-blue robes.

Their shouts of joy will lest for ever

Their shouts of joy will last for ever, and bring new hope to every generation.
"Blessed be the jew Mordechai."

Lyrics: Traditional Music: Y. Admon shoSHAHnaht yah-ahKOV tsahahLAH vésahmehĤAH beer-oTAHM YAĤhahd téKHEHlet mordéKHYE tshoo-ahTAHM hahyéTAH laNAHtsah teekvahTAHM béKHOL dor vahDOR bahROOKH mordéKHYE hayéhooDEE

#### COSTUMES

A beard hangs right down to my knees, and two feet long my mustache is. Is there a costume anywhere that can at all with mine compare in fun and gaiety?

My teeth are like a lion's fangs, horns like a ram's adorn my head. Is there a costume ...

In front of me - a braid with ribbons, and from behind - a fancy tail.

Is there a costume ...

מסכ ה

זקן יורד לי עד ברכים. שפם ארוך לי אמתיים.

ברוך מרדכי היהודי.

היש צוהלת ושמחה כמוני מסכה חה חה.

שינים לי שיני הליש קרנים לי קרני התיש.

היש צוהלת...

מלפני צמה עם סרם אחרי זנב תפארת.

היש צוהלת....י

mahsehKHAH

zahKAHN yoREHD lee ahd beerKAHyeem sahFAHM ahROKH lee ahmahTAHveem hahYEHSH tsoHELlet oossémehĤAH kahMOnee mahsehKHAH

sheeNAHyeem lee sheeNAY halLAHyish kar NAHyeem lee karNAY hatTAHyish hahYEHSH...

mellfahNYE tsahMAH in SEHret meh-ahhoRYE zahNAHV tif-EHret hahYEHSH ...

# THE SABBATH-BRIDE

"Go, my friend, to greet the bride." Let us welcome the Sabbath. May it be a peaceful and blessed Sabbath.

Lyrics: Traditional Music: M. Zeira לכה דודי - מילים: מין המסורת מנגינה: מ. זעירא

לכה דודי לקראת כלה, פני שבת נקבלה, שבת שלום וסבורך. 1∉KHAK doDEE

l¢KHAH doDEE likRAHT kahLAH p¢NAY shahBAHT n¢kahb¢LAH shahBAHT shahLOM oom¢voRAKH

# CHESTNUT-GAME

Let us play a game of chestnuts: Pessach has arrived. Is it "odd" or is it "even"? Come and try to guess.

If you guessed the answer true, my chestnuts will be yours, but if you failed and guessed all wrong, you'll have to give some nuts to me.

Music: Dov Seltzer

# באגוזים - מנגינה: ד. זלצר

באגוזים נשחקה חג הפסח בא. זוג או פרט נחש נא. אם נחשת וסצאת אגוזי לך. לא נהשת לאסצות תן לי משלך.

# be-egoZEEM

b¢-¢goZEEM n¢ssahĤEHkah hahg hapPEHssah bah zoog o PEHret NAHhehsh nah eem neeĤASHtah oomahTSAHtah ehgoZYE l¢KHAH lo neeĤASHtah lo mahTSAHtah tehn lee meeshelKHAH

EXODUS Lyrics: Levin Kipni	yahTSAHnoo meemitsRAHyeem
From Egypt we have fled, so hoist the flag of freedom. On quick and rapid feet we'll go till dawn does break. Hoist the flags, rejoice: we fled with spirits high. Look, look over there, Egyptians in pursuit! The sea has split in two, the ocean holds its tide. On dry, firm land our people cross and Pharao's armies drown. Now still a long way we must go but let's not be afraid. With songs the marching is not hard	אורדSAHnoo meemitsRAHyeem nahREEmah nehss hadROR  חורים הוא הבקר אונים הורור האורים ומצרים האורב מהאור במורים והאור במורים הוא הבקר אור.  חורים הוא רגלים האורב אור הבקר אור הבקר אור.  חורים הוא רגלים האור אורים האור במורים הוא הבקר אור.  האור במורים הוא האור אורים אור אורים האור באור האור האור האור האור האור האור האור ה
to our land of Israel.  Hoist the flags, rejoice: we come with spirits high.	אך אל נא נבהל אך אל נא נבהל בשיר מה קל ללכת נרימה גם נריעה נא וחיל פרעה מבע בים. לארץ ישראל. עולים אנחנו ביד רמה.
MY GARDEN'S FRUIT	pree gahNEE פרי גני - מילים: ש. בס
AKHOL der vahDOR	in the sky-blue robes,
From among my garden's fruit I have brought a gorgeous basketful.	pree gahNEE heeNEH hehVEHtee m∉LO haTEHneh rav happ∉-EHR
Crowned with garlands I came	האבר המונים. bikkooREEM po he-eLEHtee
bringing my very first crop. The shepherd from the village brings	בכורים פה העלתי ובסל לו על שכסהו leroSHEE ahTARtee zehr לראשי עטרתי זה תהונה זוג־יונים
with him to town a little lamb,	לו לו meen hakk∉FAR moVEEL hah-EErah
And as he walks he sings out loud:	ben ro-EEM tahLEH oog¢DEE
LEE lee lee lee lee lee The farmer brings his orchard's fruit:	עלן הכפר מוביל העירה vésheeRAH béKOL yahSHEErah בן רועים מלה וגדי lee lee lee lee lee

Figs and pomegranates.	ושירה בקול ישירה לי לי לי לי	lee lee lee lee lee lee lee
In the basket on his shoulder a pair of pigeons gently coo.	۲۰۰۰ ۲۰۰۱	bah eeKAR im pree gah NEHhoo t¢-ehNEEM v¢reemoNEEM
Lyrics: S. Bass		oobahSAL lo al sheekhMEHhoo t∳h∉MENnah zoog yoNEEM
RARiembasoo tallEhout BEREVised		A there a costume apprhere
BASKETS Lyrics: Levin Kipnis Music: Y. Admon	<u>סלינו</u> - מילים: לוין קפנים מנגינה: גורוכוב	salLAYnoo
Baskets hoisted on our shoulders, garlands crowning our heads, from all far corners of the country we've come to bring our early crop.	סלינו על כתפינו ראשינו עטורים, מקצות הארץ באנו הבאנו בכורים.	salLAYnoo ahl ketehFAYnoo rahSHAYnoo ahtooREEM mikkeTSOT hah-AHrets BAHnoo hehVEHnoo bikkooREEM
From Yehudah, from the Shomron, from the Emek and from the Galil.	מיהודה, והשומרון, מין העסק לגליל.	meehooDAH v¢hashomRON meen hah-EHmek v¢ hagalLEEL
Clear the road for us to pass. It's harvest's first crop that we are carrying we Beat, beat, beat the drums and let the flutes resound.	פנו דרך לנו בכורים אתנוwith us. הך בתוף חלל בחליל.	PAHnoo DEHrekh LAHnoo bikkooREEM eeTAHnoo hakh hakh bahTOF halLEHL bahalLEEL
SHEAVES OF GRAIN	פלומות ־ מנגינה: ב. עמר ehlooM	"Uo, my friend, to greet the bride." Let us welcome the Sabbath. May it be a nesceful and blessed 5 TO
	AND WELL AND COPY	

# SHEAVES OF GRAIN

ילדים נגילה ונסוב בסחולות Children, dance and sing, be merry; stack the ripened wheat in sheaves.

אלומות של זהב, השדה רחב רחב מאוסאוסר shloodee wheat in sheaves.

אלומות של זהב, השדה רחב רחב ahloomot shell zahhAV hasahDEH rahĤAV

בשדה ובניר שירו זמר לקציר.

bassahDEH cobahNEER SHEEroo ZEHmer Sing in the field a song to harvest.

yélahDEEM nahGEElah vénahSOV bimhoLOT shibboLEEM hivSHEEloo ne-eSOF ahlooMOT lahkahTSEER

Melody: B. Omer