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**Name:** Shiru ‘Am Zakkai,

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**Genre:** Piyyut (liturgical poem)

**Occasion:** Purim

**Acrostic:** שמחה בר שלמה

“Simḥa son of Shelomo”

**Composer**: Shemu’el Levi

**Year:** 1848

**Source:** Vilna Siddur, Volume IV, p. 128.

**Heading in source:**  פזמון נאה לפורים להר"ר שמואל לוי שני תושב ירושלים נ"ע  
“A nice song for Purim, by R. Samuel Levi the Second, resident of Jerusalem, his soul is in Paradise.”

**Refrain:** שירו עם זכאי, חסידי זמן, ברוך מרדכי, וארור המן

“Sing, O upright nation, Pious ones of [our] time: Blessed is Mordecai, And cursed is Haman!”

(This is the first stanza of the poem.)

**Note:** The Vilna Siddur indicates to repeat it as a refrain after every stanza, but this is probably not original, especially since the stanza mentions the word “Basseru” [literally *announce*, but here used for its numerical value, indicating the year 1848], which leads directly into the Biblical verse paraphrased after the poem, Psalms 96:2.

**Meter:** Five syllables per line, including sheva vowels.