

MICHOEL PRUZANSKY

SHOOTIN' FOR THE MOON





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Co -Produced by: Ilan Schnitzer



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Mitzvah Habah

**מצוה הבא
ליذر אל
תחמיצנה**
(הילכת סוכה)

*When a Mitzvah comes
to your hand, do not
delay in performing it*

Composed by: Doni Gross

Arranged by: Shai Barak

Mixed & Directed by: Eli Gerstner

Choir: Zemirots Group Arranged by: Yoily Polatseck

Additional Vocals: Rabbi Y. Zeitlin



The logo consists of a large, white, stylized number '2'. It has a thick outline and is partially cut out by a landscape scene of mountains and a sunset in the background.

Hisoreri

**התעוררי התעוררוי כי בא
אורך קומי אורי, עורי עורי
שיר דברי כבוד ה' עליך נגלה**

*Wake up, wake up, for your light has come
rise up and shine awake, awake; sing a song;
the glory of Hashem is revealed on you*

Composed, Arranged, and Directed by: Eli Gerstner

Backup Vocals by: Eli Gerstner

Mixed by: Eli Gerstner

Music Produced and Performed by Shai Barak

A close-up photograph of several lit tealight candles against a dark background. One candle in the foreground is sharp, showing its bright yellow flame and melting wax pool. Other blurred candles are visible in the background.

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Mi Ha'ish

מי האיש החפץ חיים, אהב ימים
לראות טוב. נוצר לשונך מרע,
ושפטיך מדבר מרמה. سور מרע
ועשה טוב, בקש שלום ורדפהו.

This song is dedicated in memory of my good friend, Victor Schnitzer Z'L who had a tremendous impact on me and the lives of countless others through his Lev Tov, Acts of Kindness, and Tzedakah. He will always be remembered for his big smile and even bigger heart.

ה' זכורי בז'ג

Composed, Produced, and Arranged by: Eli Gerstner
Backup Vocals : Eli Gerstner
Child Soloist: Moishe Gerstner
Mixed by: Eli Gerstner

Shootin' For The Moon

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Looking up, standing on the ground
me and my dreams galaxies apart
but I know somewhere deep inside
I've got the strength to get that far,

Climbing on a ladder in the sky
though I'm not an angel maybe I can fly
pushing through still another mile
all I gotta do is try

Chorus

I'm shootin' for the moon tonight
I ride the waves at the speed of light
I've set my goals I made my mind
and if I miss I'll make it to the stars
we're gonna make it to the top
I'm shootin' for the moon tonight
and if I miss I'll make it to the stars

Sending up yet another prayer
father I know you believe in me
when it's rough and I'm feeling doubt
you can raise me up above the clouds,

I can feel the power of a dream
giving me wings taking me beyond
all the pain all the broken hopes
I'm gonna keep holding on

Bridge

Never gonna break apart till I reach my destination
never gonna lose the spark in my soul
gonna be a shining light, gonna be an inspiration
never givin' up the fight towards my goal

Composed & Concept by: Elie Schwab

Additional Composition: Yochanan Shapiro & Michoel Pruzansky

Lyrics by: Elie Schwab & Miriam Israeli

Background Vocals by: Eli Klein, Yitzv Berry, Yochanan Shapiro

Arranged by: Eli Klein & Yitzv Berry

Additional Music and Mix by: Eli Gerstner

Kol 5 Hamivakesh

כל המבקש
רחמים על
חבירו, והוא צריך
לאותו דבר - הוא
נענה תחיליה

One who davens for mercy
for his friend, and he suffers
from the same thing,
The one who davens will be
answered first.

Composed by: Eli Klein

Arranged by: Naftali Schnitzler

Choir: David Taub, Yossi Weinberger,
Moti Rotler, Gil Israelov

Mixed by: Eli Klein & Yitzy Berry



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Bou Nirkod

*Now's the time to not be afraid
to feel that all is possible
and just be happy
to focus on all the good that you got
to shout out loud,
"Don't give up!"*

*The beat is playing, makes my heart shake
wanna dance
with all our might
I want to fly up high in the air
reminds me that there's a fire burning
within me
let's all dance
let's be happy
now lets raise a glass L'chaim
all together
sing with me
because it's time to dance and be happy*

It's time for Joy, it's time for Simcha!

Composed, Arranged, Lyrics, & Background Vocals by: Eli Klein & Yitz Berry

Mixed by: Eli Klein & Yitz Berry

**זה הזמן לא לפחד ממש מדבר
להרגיש שرك אפשר
פשוט לשימוש
להתחרב למה שטוב למה שיש
לצעוק בקול גדול
אסור להתייאש!**

**הקצב מנגן מרעיד לי את הלב
חזק לרוקוד חזק
בכל הכוח
אני רוצה לעוף לצעוק ולבקש
מציר ל שאומרים שב בוערת אש**

**בואו נרוקוד
בואו נשמח**

**גרים עכשיים כסית לחיים
ביחד חזק
שירו איתי
כי זה הזמן לרוקוד לשימוש**

Special thanks to DJ Sol & Shaya Shapiro



**אל גינט אגוז ירדתי,
לראות באבי הנחל,
לראות הפרחה הגפן,
הנצח הרימונים. שובי שובי
השולמית, שובי ונחזה בר.
מה תחזו בשולמית
כמחולת המחנינים.**

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Shuvi

I went and saw simplicity of the holiness of the Second Bais Hamikdash to see your moisture laden deeds in valleys. The nations have said to me, turn away, turn away from Hashem, O nation whose faith in him is perfect, turn away, turn away, and we shall choose nobility from you. But I replied to them, what can you bestow upon a nation whole in faith to him commensurate even with the desert camps encircling?

Composed by: Yochanan Shapiro

Arranged by: Shai Barak

Choir: Yochanan Shapiro, Yaakov Gifter,
Ushi Shapiro, Aaron Shapiro

Directed by Eli Gerstner

Mixed by: Eli Gerstner



Chitty Bum!

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ס'אַיד גוֹט
זוֹ דִין אֲנִיט!

It's Great to be a Jew!

Composed by Yitzhak Waldner
& Naftali Schnitzler

Arranged by: Naftali Schnitzler

Choir: Zemirot Group Arranged by: Yoily Polatseck

Mixed by: Eli Klein & Yitzhak Berry



**יחיד חי העולמים מלך משבח
ומפאר עד עדי עד שמו הגדול.
הריבי מזקן את פי להודות
ולהallel ולשבח את בוראי.**



*Unique one, life giver of the
world, King whose name is
eternally praised and glorified.
I now prepare my mouth to
thank and praise my Creator.*

Composed by Yochanan Shapiro
Arranged & Produced by: Ian Freitor- Playmasters Studio
Choir: Yochanan Shapiro, Aaron Shapiro, Yaakov Gifter
Mixed by: Ian Freitor

Uvirtzona

וברצונך היכח לנו ה' אלקינו שלא
תהא צרא ויגונ ואנכח ביום מנוחתינו,
והראנו ה' אלקינו בנהמת ציון עיר
ובבין ירושלים עיר קדשך, כי אתה
הוא בעל הישועות ובעל הנחמות.

May it be your will, Hashem our G-D, that there be
no distress, grief, or lament on this day of our rest.

And show us, Hashem, our G-D, the consolation
of Zion, your city, and the rebuilding of Jerusalem,
City of your holiness, for you are the master of
salvations and master of consolations.



Composed by: Yochanan Shapiro

Arranged by: Shai Barak

Strings Arranged by: Yisroel Lamm

Directed by Eli Gerstner

Choir: Yochanan Shapiro, Yaakov Gifter, Ushi Shapiro, Aaron Shapiro

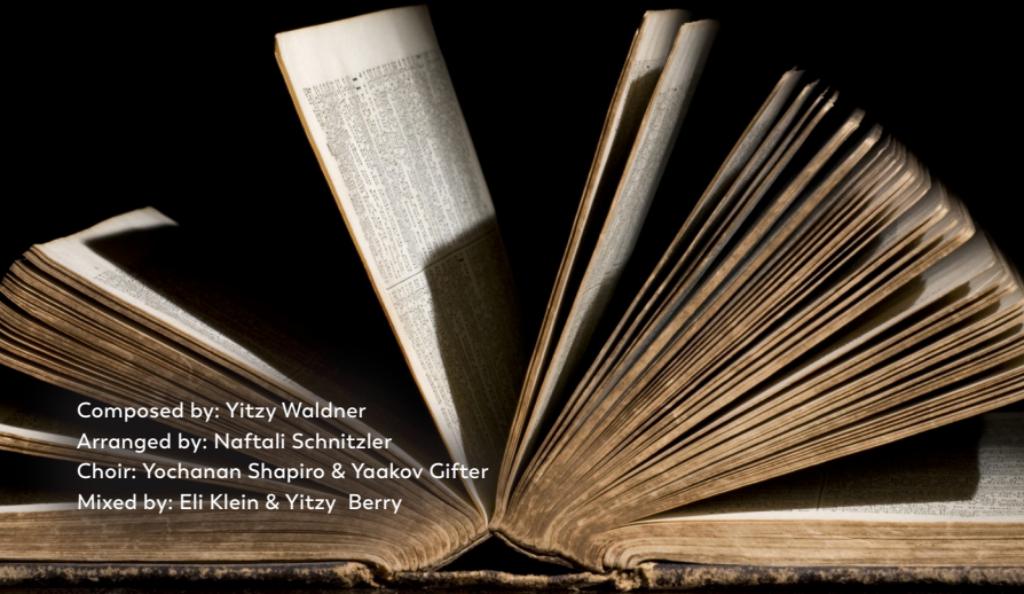
Mixed by: Eli Gerstner

**בָּה אָנָּא רְחִיזָה וַלְשָׁמוֹה
קְדִישָׁא יְקִירָא אָנָּא אָמָר
תְּשִׁבְחָן, יְהָא רְעוֹא קְדֻמָּר
דְּתַפְתָּח לְבָאי בָּאוּרִיתָא**

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*In Him do I trust, and to His Glorious
and Holy Name do I declare praises.
May it be your will that you open my
heart to Torah.*

Bei Ana



Composed by: Yitzy Waldner

Arranged by: Naftali Schnitzler

Choir: Yochanan Shapiro & Yaakov Gifter

Mixed by: Eli Klein & Yitzy Berry

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