



YAAKOV SHWEKEY

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Your flavor combined with professionalism showed up on this album big time! And I thank you for that.

SHWEKEY INTERNATIONAL TOUR

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This album is dedicated to my dear friend, Mr. Colin Goldstein, and his wonderful family... Your unwavering friendship and love is something I cherish and appreciate, along with your deep

understanding of music and its impact, especially in our generation. You perceive its ability to imbue our youth with timeless messages and its power to give them something to celebrate and sing about. You well understand that once the soul connects with true music, a person will find their own song and the outside noise won't pull them anywhere!! Love you Colie with all my heart! You and family should continue to be blessed with the only true good! Amen.

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TODA RABBAH

To my co producer **Yitzy Waldner**, so many years together writing, creating, you know me more than I know myself! A huge thank you for your extraordinary efforts and dedication.. another diverse masterpiece!
We can never take it for granted brother...

A special thanks to my dear talented friend **Avrumi Berko** who went beyond the call to bring out a very fresh sound and dedicated many late nights! Much appreciated.

Hershy Weinberger My first time working with you and just getting to know you, feeding off your great energy and creativity, you brought a great flavor to the album, and we thank you for that

Yisroel Besser: you're Zoche to use your brilliance to inspire people all around the world with your writings! Thank you for being a great friend and delivering the lyrics to a song that is a powerful, heartfelt masterpiece!

The Special Children Center: It's remarkable the passion and love you have for every special child. My wife's partner in crime, **Chaya Bender** always seems to amaze me, together with their non stop crazy energy to change the world for special Children. It's an honor and zchus to be a part of a family that has changed the world for special children and their families.

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Bo Nojowitz, Yehuda Neuman Jo Volfman My traveling Center staff team, Life is never Boring when u guys r around! Normal definitely is Boring!

Betzalel Bree not just a talented musician, someone who is always there for everyone!

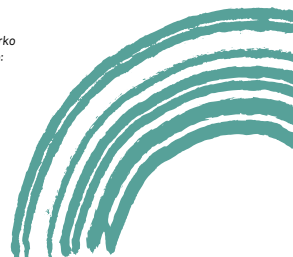
Thank you to **Leiby Weider** for all your help with this album!

Dr Larry Shoner- my Traveling Doc! where ever I am in the world, always there for me.

To My Dear **Parents**, To My **In Laws**, and Brother **Yisrael Meir**, even though I don't get to see you on a daily basis, you're always close to our hearts.

Finally, to my dear Eshet Chayil **Jenine** and my precious **children**, and my new **son-in-law:** I cherish every moment I get to spend with you! My love for you knows no bounds.

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"Ah Yid" Translation

English Translation by:
Esty Perlmutter

The holy Torah,
Our amazing god,
Oh! how good it is to be a Jew.

A good deed, a prayer,
We're his chosen nation,
Oh! It's great to be a Jew.

The holy shabbos,
For the sons and daughters alike,
Oh! how sweet it is to be a Jew.

The heartfelt Tom tov,
Everyone together,
Oh! how amazing it is to be a Jew.

Oh how good it is to be a Jew,
Oh how nice it is to be a Jew,
Oh how amazing it is to be a Jew,
Oh how great it is to be a Jew.

How radiant how fine,
How elevated how treasured
how nice,
הוא אתם הדבקים בה...

Warmhearted feelings,
When putting on the sacred tefillin,
Oh! how good it is to be a Jew.

Our pure heart,
Mezuzas and the menorah,
Oh! How great it is to be a Jew.

The cozy sukkah,
Sweeter than sugar,
Oh! how great it is to be a Jew.

Our scholars lectures,
With their sacred words,
Telling us how to be a good Jew...

Children in schools,
Our beautiful pesach seder,
Oh! how good it is to be a Jew.

Our tzitzis and tallis,
The shabbos challas,
Oh! how good it is to be a Jew.

Father in heaven we thank You,
For choosing us,
To be Your Jew!

How indebted and grateful we are,
Our Father in heaven,
That we're part of your chosen nation.

Oh how good it is to be a Jew,
Oh how nice it is to be a Jew,
Oh how amazing it is to be a Jew,
Oh how great it is to be a Jew.

How radiant how great
How holy, worthy and beautiful
הוא אתם הדבקים בה...

Oh... who is like Am Yisrael,
Oh... How happy we are to be part of
this amazing nation.

4. THE WONDER OF LIFE

לחן: הרשי ווינברגר
מילים: שרולי בסר
הפקה מוזיקלית: דניאל קפלר
עיבוד: דניאל קפלר, יאן פריטסור

Composed by Hershy Weinberger
Lyrics: Yisroel Besser
Musical Production: Daniel Kapler.
Arranged by Daniel Kapler, Ian Freitor.
Mixed and Mastered by
Daniel Kapler, Ian Freitor Playmasters Studio
Keyboards and Programming by Daniel Kapler.
Guitars: Hanan Rubinstein, Daniel Kapler.
Bass: Vincen Garcia
Trumpets: Justin Mullens
Sax: Shlomi Cohen

IN HONOR OF JAY AMSEL A MAN WHO CHERISHES
EVERY MOMENT OF LIFE THROUGH HIS GENEROSITY
AND LOVE FOR OTHERS.

THIS SONG WAS INSPIRED BY ONE SUCH HERO. A
YOUNG PERSON WHO TRIED SO HARD TO PUSH
AWAY THE WAVES OF PAIN AND LONELINESS.
THEY ARE NOT ALONE! THERE ARE SO MANY
YOUNG PEOPLE WHO SEE ONLY HARDSHIP AND
HOPELESSNESS AND WANT TO GIVE UP. IT IS TO
THEM THAT I SPEAK. IT IS TO THEM THAT I
SING! FIND THE COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO LIVE
LIFE TO ITS FULLEST. DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
FOR LIFE ITSELF IS NOT THE QUESTION. BUT THE
ANSWER TOO.

I FEEL LIKE I HAVE NOTHING,
OOHHHH I, CAN BARELY SEE
AHEAD
I, I DON'T SEE TOMORROW,
OH I'M HANGING ON BY A
THREAD.
BUT A WISE MAN TOLD ME
CELEBRATE YOUR SCARS,
THESE SIGNS OF LIFE, THEY
MAKE YOU WHO YOU ARE...

(CHORUS-
CAUSE I'VE GOT A FIRE
BURNING INSIDE, OOOHHH...
AND I HAVE A SPARK THAT
FILLS ME WITH PRIDE,
OOOOHHHH
EVEN WHEN I'M
FEELING DOWN, EVEN
WHEN I'M ON THE
GROUND, IT'S GLOWING,
GLOWING,
I CLOSE MY EYES AND
HOLD ON TIGHT, READY
TO TAKE ON THE FIGHT,
I'M GOING GOING
GOING...
THE WONDER OF LIFE

I, I CAN'T SEE THE PROMISE,
OOHHH, I DON'T BELIEVE WHAT
THEY SAY
I, I CAN'T FEEL THE SUNSHINE,
OOHHH I, CAN'T TRUST THE
NEW DAY
"BUT A WISE MAN? TOLD ME
SON REACH DEEP WITHIN
SAID FALLING DOWN IS THE
ONLY WAY TO WIN

(CHORUS-

SO I'M GONNA FIND THAT
FIRE INSIDE, OOOHHHHHH

AND I'M GONNA FEEL
MY HEART OPEN WIDE,
OOOOHHHH
EVEN WHEN I'M FEELING LOW,
EVEN WHEN THEY TELL ME NO,
I'M GOING, GOING, GOING,
PLACES ONLY I CAN SEE,
REACHING FOR ETERNITY,
I'M SHOWING, SHOWING,
SHOWING

THE WONDER OF LIFE.



לחן: איצי וולדנר
קונספט: יעקב שוואקי
מילים: מרים ישראלי
הפקה מוזיקלית: דניאל קפלר
עיבוד: דניאל קפלר, יאן פרייטור

Composed by: Yitzzy Waldner
Concept: Yaakov Shwekey
Lyrics: Miriam Israeli
Musical Production: Daniel Kapler
Arranged by: Daniel Kapler, Ian Freitor
Mixed and Mastered by
Daniel Kapler, Ian Freitor at Playmasters
studio
Keyboards by: Daniel Kapler, Ian Freitor
Guitars: Noam Burg Hargol
Programming by Daniel Kapler

יש שמחה בלב
אולי נשק ביחד
וונדה לאו שירי הלו
ביחד

ונכית לאמילה
מכאן והלאה
יהיו רק ברכות לכולם
גם אצלי ואצלכם שהיה
בעצרת השם בלב שמח

5. L'CHAIM: A TOAST TO LIFE

זה הזמן להודות ולהתפלל
להרים את הכוסות וגם לאחל
ולברך
על ההמשך
שניפגש בשמחות

A TOAST TO LIFE
SAY L'CHAIM
עד מאה ועשרים עם דורות
ישרים, שתהיו בריאים כולנו
עונים אמן



6. SHTET NESHAMOT

שתי נשמות באות לפניה
בתפילה אחת מנעמוקים /
לאולוקים
על בית חם וילדים
חיים טובים וארוכים
ואל תישוש אותנו לעולם ועד
היום תברכנו

תברכנו אמן
תאמנו אמן
תגדלו אמן
תדריכנו אמן
תנהיגנו אמן
תשמרנו אמן

עם המון דמעות מול כסא
כבודך
מתחננות על החיים

מחכה לנו הדרך
מי יודע מה יבוא
תלנו ברכת שלום

אדון כל הנשמות
ריבון כל המעשים



Composed by Yitzzy Waldner
Concept: Yaakov Shwekey
Lyrics: Miriam Israeli & Yitzzy Waldner
Arranged by Mendy Hershkowitz -
Sonic Duo
Drums: Barak Aharon
Guitar: Noam Burg Hargol
Bass: Guy Dan
Piano/Keys: Mendy Hershkowitz
Tenor Saxophone: Dor Assaraf
Orchestra: The European National Orchestra
Backup vocals:
Yaakov Shwekey, Yitzzy Waldner, Tzvi
Silberstein,
Mix: Aaron Levy

לחן: איצי וולדנר
קונספט: יעקב שוואקי
מילים: מרים ישראלי, איצי וולדנר
עיבוד: מנדי הרשקוביץ

THE SONG IS DEDICATED IN HONOR OF OUR
DEAR FRIENDS DUDY AND SHIRA BERKOWITZ
AND FAMILY (YES YERUCHAM YOU TOO) WAS
SO SPECIAL TO BE A PART OF YOUR SIMCHA.
ALL THE WAY FROM HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS
GREAT MEMORIES BRO! THANK FOR ALL!

אם יאמראך אדם יגעתי ולא
ומצאתי
אל תאמין
אם יאמראך אדם לא יגעתי
ומצאתי
אל תאמין
יגעתי ומצאתי - תאמין
אביסעלעס יגעה, אביסעלעס
מצאה - תאמין

7. YOGATI

לחן: איצי וולדנר
עיבוד: רביד קשתי

Composed by Yitzy Waldner
Arranged by Ravid Kashti
Lyrics: Meseches Megilah 6B
Guitars: Noam Burg Hargol
Brass: Webermarely (Brazil)
Keyboards: Rafi Greidi, Ravid Kashti
Programming: Ravid Kashti
Mix & Mastering: Itzik Filiba



8. BO SHABBOS

Composed by Hershy Weinberger
Lyrics: Shabbos Zemiros
Arranged by Moshe Laufer
Mix & Mastered: Naftali Schnitzler - A House of Music

Drums: Avi Avidani
Bass: Aryeh Volnitz
Keys: Benny Laufer
Guitars: Avi Singolda
Woodwinds: Dor Asaraf
Strings: Ayal Shiloach & Co

לחן: הרשי וינברגר
מילים: זמירות שבת
עיבוד: משה לאופר

בא שבת בא מנוחה
מנוחה ושמוחה - מנוחה
אור ליהודים - מנוחה
יום שבתון יום מחמדנים
אוי, שבת, אוי, בא מנוחה

(רש"י, בראשית, זמירות שבת קודש)

אם אתה מזמר בכל יום
בכל יום בלימוד תורה
גם התורה מזמר לך
בלימוד לימוד תורה

9. LERNIN

מילים באדיש: הרשי וינברגר
Yiddish Lyrics: Hershy Weinberger
לחן: הרשי וינברגר
עיבוד: נפתלי שניצלר
Arranged by Naftali Schnitzler - A House of Music

מיר גייען לערנען און ווייטער לערנען
איי איי בלימוד - לימוד תורה

מיר גייען לערנען און ווייטער לערנען
זינען דעם נאון פון לימוד תורה

זינען מיר דעם נאון פון תורה ...
זינען מיר דעם נאון התורה ...

GETTING TO TAKE PART AND SEE THE INCREDIBLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF KLAL YISROELS ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS AND KOLLEUM INCLUDING RABBI DIAMONDS KOLLEL AND TOURING ARTS AND CRAFTS PUBLICATION PLANT HEADED BY MY DEAR FRIEND R. GEDALIA ZLOTOWITZ HAVING THE ZOHUS TO SING AT THE SHAS-ATHON MISHNA-THON ETC. FROM CLOSE UP IS ALWAYS A THRILL- SUCH HEART AND DEDICATION OUT THERE! AND OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF. WE'VE BEEN ESPECIALLY AWED BY THE VISION AND COMMITMENT OF THOSE WHO KEPT THE SONG OF TORAH PLAYING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. ENCOURAGING AND FACILITATING LIMUD HATORAH. YOU ARE THE ONES WHO GIVE OUR NATION ITS SPIRITUAL OXYGEN AND THIS SONG IS YOURS.



10. HOLD ON

לחן: איצ'י וולדנר
מילים: משה פרידמן
עיבוד: ולאד אורזחובסקי ויאן פרייטור

Composed by Yitzzy Waldner
Lyrics: Moshe Friedman
Arranged by Vlad Orzhakhovski and Ian Freitor
PlayMasters Studio
Mixed and Mastered by PlayMasters Studio
Bass, Guitars - Vlad Orzhakhovski
Additional Guitars: Noam Burg Hargol

NO ONE IS A SUPERMAN
WE ARE ONLY ASKED TO DO THE
BEST WE CAN

TROUBLES GOT ME FEELING
SCARED
AND ALWAYS SEEM TO CATCH
ME WHEN I'M LEAST PRE-
PARED

FROZEN WHEN I HAVE TO
CHOOSE
ANY ROAD I TAKE I'VE GOT
SOMETHING TO LOSE

QUESTION WAS IT MEANT
TO BE

OR IS THIS THE FIRST STEP
TOWARD MY DESTINY

YOU'LL NEVER KNOW,
JUST WHERE TO GO,
OR WHAT COULD TAKE YOU
THERE,

BUT IN TIME YOU'LL FIND YOU
DON'T HAVE TO DESPAIR

CHORUS
HOLD ON...GIVE IT JUST A LITTLE
MORE HOLD ON WAIT FOR THE
OTHER DOOR TO OPEN NEVER
GIVE UP HOPE..

APPRECIATION FOR WHAT YOU
OWN
FOCUS ON YOUR BLESSINGS
AND HOW MUCH YOU'VE
GROWN

ONE TRUTH, CARVE IT OUT IN
STONE
REMEMBER THAT YOU'RE NEV-
ER IN THIS WORLD ALONE

TRIALS ARISE
BEFORE YOUR EYES
AND TAKE YOU BY SURPRISE

GOT NEWS FOR YOU
COURAGE NEVER DIES

CHORUS
HOLD ON...

IT WAS EXTRA SPECIAL TO WRITE THIS SONG WITH DJ COHEN A.H. WHO
LIVED BY THIS MESSAGE. ESPECIALLY IN A VERY CHALLENGING AND
PAINFUL TIME OF HIS LIFE. HE TOLD ME WHILE WRITING THIS SONG,
THAT HE WAS HOLDING ON JUST FOR HIS DEAR WIFE AND CHILDREN
WHO MEANT EVERYTHING TO HIM.

WE DEDICATE THIS SONG TO HIS WIFE ALEXIS AND KIDS LINDA LORI
AND CAROLINE. WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE WITH THAT MESSAGE AND
EMBODY WHO HE WAS TO NEVER GIVE UP HOPE AND TO ENJOY AND
APPRECIATE EVERY MOMENT OF LIFE.



לחן: אהרון כהן
עריכה: איצ'י וולדנר
מילים: אהרון כהן ועינת הולנדר
עיבוד: רביד קשתי

11. YAVO HAYOM

Composed by Aaron Cohen
Song Editor: Yitzzy Waldner
Lyrics Aaron Cohen and Einat Hollander
Arranged by Ravid Kashti
Keyboards: Rafi Greidi, Ravid Kashti
Guitars: Noam Burg Hargol
Piano: Rafi Greidi
Programming: Ravid Kashti
Mix & Mastering: Itzik Filiba

DEDICATED TO THE AHAVAT CHINAM INITIATIVE
MY DEAR FRIEND YAAKOV BENGUCHI AND OTHERS
ALWAYS DRIVING HOME THE MESSAGE TO OUR NATION TO KEEP WORKING TO
UNCONDITIONALLY LOVING ONE ANOTHER EVEN WHEN WE DISAGREE. I HOPE SOON
THAT COMES TO FRUITION AND WE WILL BE CELEBRATING JERUSALEM AS ONE
UNDIVIDED TO BE RELEASED SOON BH.

יבוא היום ולא יהיה שום

פחד

שבת אחים גם יחד

את אחי אנכי מבקש

יבוא היום ויגמר הלחץ

והלכ יפתח בידך

את אחי אנכי מבקש

עם יחידי כך נטאור

בן המלך אין סוף אל

האור

מתוך אהבה, נבוא

לקרבה

חיבור נצחי ונצחה

לגאולה

עוד ישמע בהרי יהודה

פזמון

יבוא היום ולא יהיה שום

פחד

שבת אחים גם יחד

את אחי אנכי מבקש

יבוא היום ויגמר הלחץ

והלכ יפתח בידך

את אחי אנכי מבקש

יבוא היום ויגמר הלחץ

והלכ יפתח בידך

את אחי אנכי מבקש

הרבה אנשים, מבטאים

שונים

מנהגים ישנים עם אלף

הרגלים

נופלים לתהום של מאבקים

מה קרה לנו פתאום

הרבה אנשים, מבטאים שונים

מנהגים ישנים עם אלף הרגלים

נופלים לתהום של מאבקים

מה קרה לנו פתאום

אולי זו בעצם רק התקופה

אולי חסרה כאן תפילה טובה

כל עוד מדברים באותה

שפה

עוד יאיר עלינו יום

אבל הגיע הזמן, אבל הגיע

הזמן

אבל הגיע הזמן לאהוב

יבוא היום ולא יהיה שום

פחד

שבת אחים גם יחד

את אחי אנכי מבקש

הגיע הזמן, הגיע הזמן

הגיע הזמן לאהוב

12. HAMALACH

המלאך האל אני וכל
רע יברך את הנערים
ויקרא בהם שמי ושם אבני
אברהם ויזחק וידא ארב
בקרב הארץ

לחן: איצ' וולדנר
עיבוד: רביד קשתי
Composed by Yitzzy Waldner
Arranged by Ravid Kashti
Choir: MusicKids by Tal Vaknin &
Yossi Azulay
Mix and Mastered by Itzik Filiba

THIS SONG IS DEDICATED TO MY DEAR FRIEND YAAKOV KLUGMAN. IN HONOR
OF YEHUDAH KLUGMAN'S BAR MITZVAH!

WE MADE A TRIBUTE TO BAR MITZVAH BOYS ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO
DIDN'T HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE BAR MITZVAH OF
THEIR DREAM. THIS SONG IS FOR YOU! YAAKOV YOUR PASSION &
GENEROSITY IS SOMETHING YOU HOLD DEAR TO YOUR HEART
I PRAY FOR THE FULL RECOVERY OF HIS FATHER NOSSON
GAURIEL BEN CHAYA



13. MISINAI REMIX

לחן: איצ' וולדנר ויעקב שוואקי
גרסת רמיקס: אברומי ברקו
מילים באידיש: איצ' וולדנר

Composed by Yitzzy Waldner and
Yaakov Shwekey
Remix by Avrumi Berko
Yiddish Lyrics: Yitzzy Waldner

WRITTEN IN HONOR OF MY DAUGHTERS WEDDING ADELE AND
YITZY MASSEY AND WHAT A WEDDING IT WAS!
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

השם וסיני בא
כמתן יוצא לקראת כלה
(רש"י עפ"י מכתבא)
אזא הייליג כלה
ווי די אידן אלע
להיות לאדם סגולה



A TOAST TO

LIFE RAISE

A TO LIFE

SAY

GLASS

L'CHAIM!

פ"ח