

Jerusalem

Upon Seeing Jerusalem for the First Time

Let your presence be manifest in Jerusalem, Your city. Establish peace in her gates and quietness in the hearts of all who dwell there. Let Your Torah go forth from Zion, Your word from Jerusalem.

Baruch atah, Adonai,

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יְיָ,

boneh Y'rushalayim.

בּוֹנֵה יְרוּשָׁלַיִם.

Praised are You, Adonai, Builder of Jerusalem.

From Atop Mount Scopus

From the peak of Mount Scopus,

"Shalom," Jerusalem!

From the peak of Mount Scopus,

I bow down low before you.

A hundred generations I have dreamed of you,

Dreamed of the privilege to bask in your light.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Smile on your children.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Out of your ruins will I rebuild

you!

(AVIGDOR HAMEIRI)

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