

Days of Reflection  
and Renewal

Welcoming Shabbat

Sh'ma and Its  
BlessingsStanding before  
God

Prayers for Healing

Recalling Our  
PurposeRecalling Our  
Loved Ones

The Voice of Return

Songs of the Heart

## Dodi Li

*Dodi li, vaani lo, haro-eh bashoshanim.**Mi zot olah min hamidbar,**m'kuteret mor ulvonah?**Libavtini, achoti chalah — libavtini.**Uri tzafon! Uvo-i teiman!*

דודי לי ואני לו הרעה בשושנים.

מי זאת עלה מן-המדבר

מקטרת מור ולבונה.

לבבתיני אחתי כלה – לבבתיני.

עורי צפון, ובואי תימן.

My beloved is mine, and I am my beloved's—  
feasting among the lilies.

Who comes now from the wilderness,  
rising like fragrant myrrh and frankincense?

You have captured my heart, my beloved.  
Awake, north wind! O south wind— come!

## Ozi V'zimrat Yah

*Ozi v'zimrat Yah**vaihi li lishua.*

עזי וזמרת יה

ויהי-לי לישועה.

My strength and Your song  
will be my salvation.

## Hineih Mah Tov

*Hineih mah tov umah na-im:**shevet achim/achayot gam yachad.*

הנה מה-טוב ומה-נעים

שבט אחים/אחיות גם-יחד.

How good and how pleasant —  
Brothers and sisters gathered together!

**DODI LI** דודי לי, Song of Songs 2:16; 3:6; 4:9, 16. Love is the theme of the month of Elul, in part because the initial Hebrew letters of Song of Songs 6:3 — “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine” (אני לדודי ודודי לי)—spell out the word *Elul*. Our Sages saw the verse as expressing the tender mutual devotion that makes *t’shuva* possible. If we turn with open hearts to the Holy One, God is forever ready to embrace us with love.

**MY STRENGTH** עזי, Psalm 118:14. Our own strength, sustained by a power beyond ourselves, allows us to persist in the face of life’s challenges.

**HINEIH MAH TOV** הנה מה-טוב, Psalm 133:1.