

Rabbi Shaya Winarz & Rabbi Yaakov Gifter Present:

# 'CUZ I'M A YID



# SONG 1

## TO BE A YID

IT'S TIME TO TAKE A JOURNEY, TO TRAVEL BOTH FAR AND WITHIN  
WE MUST MARCH TO THIS CHALLENGE, WILL WE LOSE, OR WILL WE WIN?  
THERE'S A SECRET TO UNCOVER, TO THE TREASURE WE MUST DIG  
THE QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A YID?

FROM THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, HE DECIDED THAT HE WOULD CHOOSE US.  
THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE DIFFERENT, THAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE FUSS.  
APPARENTLY, THEY KNOW IT, BUT DO WE KNOW IT TOO?  
CAN WE SOMEHOW UNDERSTAND, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A JEW?

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WE'VE GOT A LEADING ROLE TO PLAY, ON THIS WORLD-WIDE GLOBAL STAGE  
TO BE A LIGHT UNTO THE NATIONS, THAT'S HOW WE SERVE HIM  
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OUR BUBBIES AND OUR ZAIDES, HAD THE TOUGHEST CHOICE TO MAKE  
"HOLD ON TO YOUR YIDSKHET, OR YOUR LIVES WILL BE AT STAKE"  
IT'S NOT JUST THEORETICAL, WE ALL KNOW WHAT THEY DID  
WHY DID THEY CHOOSE HASHEM ECHAD, WHAT DOES IT MEAN - TO BE A YID?

NOW IF IT'S WORTH DYING FOR, AS THEY ALL JUST SEEMED TO KNOW  
IT MUST BE WORTH LIVING FOR, AND NOT JUST FOR LONG AGO  
THE TORAH MUST HAVE MEANING, IT'S ETERNAL AND IT'S TRUE  
NOW IT'S UP TO US TO ASK, WHAT DOES IT MEAN - TO BE A JEW?

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# SONG 2

## BITACHON

I TOOK A JOB AS A SPY, LET ME TELL FOR WHO  
MY NEW JOB IS OFFICIAL SPY, FOR ALL OF TIMBUKTU  
THEY COMMANDED ME TO INFILTRATE, TO FIND OUT ALL THE PLANS  
THAT THE MAFIOSOS MADE TO TAKE OVER THESE LANDS

BUT NOW OY VEY, THEY HAVE CAUGHT ME, I AM UP THE CREEK  
MY LIFE IS GONNA TURN REAL BAD, SOME HELP I HAVE TO SEEK  
MY LIFE IS TRULY DOOMED, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO COPE  
I'M REALLY IN BIG TROUBLE, FOR ME THERE IS NO HOPE

I KNOW THAT HE LOVES ME, YES, I KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE  
I KNOW HE CAN DO ANYTHING, UNLIKE ME OR YOU  
EVERYTHING COMES FROM HIM AND HE'LL ALWAYS DO WHAT'S BEST  
YOU CAN'T TOUCH ME NORTH, EAST, SOUTH OR WEST  
HE GIVES ME ALL EVEN IF I FAIL, I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HIM FOR BAIL

THEY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ME, OUR RELATIONSHIP IS NEW  
THEY DON'T HAVE A BIG ARMY, THEIR SOLDIERS ARE QUITE FEW  
THEY'LL FLY IN WITH A COPTER, TO FLEE THROUGH THE SKY  
I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MY LUNGS, THAT JUST MIGHT MAKE ME DIE

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I WISH THAT THEY WOULD RESCUE ME, THAT WOULD BE REALLY NICE  
THEY WON'T SEND OUT A RESCUE TEAM, I'VE ALREADY FAILED THEM TWICE  
EVEN IF THEY REALLY CARE, ALTHOUGH I'VE DONE THEM WRONG  
THIS MAFIA WILL DO ME IN, BEFORE I'VE BEEN HERE LONG

# SONG 3

## LETTER FROM THE KING

LOOK AT OUR CAPTORS, WHO WANT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD  
ESPECIALLY THE SHORT ONE, WHOSE HAIR IS ALWAYS CURLED  
LOOK THEY'RE SO EXCITED, IT SEEMS THEY WANT TO SING  
WHAT DID THEY RECEIVE? IT IS A LETTER FROM THEIR KING

THEY'RE READING EVERY WORD, WITH TENDER LOVING CARE  
DESCRIBING THE PLANS, AND WHAT THEY NEED TO PREPARE  
THEY'RE PICKING ON THE PHRASES, TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY MEAN  
THEY HOLD IT WITH GREAT FEAR, TO KEEP IT SO PRISTINE

OH, A PACKAGE HAS ARRIVED, THEY SAY IT'S MEANT FOR YOU  
THIS TORAH IS INTENDED, FOR EACH AND EVERY JEW  
THE TORAH IS A LETTER, FROM THE KING HIGH ABOVE  
MAILED TO US FROM HEAVEN, AND PACKAGED WITH MUCH LOVE

MORASHA KEHLAS YAAKOV, HASHEM GAVE US THE TORAH  
WE REFUSE TO BE THEIR REBBE - REFUSE TO BE THEIR MORAH  
IS IT TAMEI OR TAHOR, DOES HE PERMIT, DOES HE FORBID  
THIS LETTER IS SO PRECIOUS, I'M SO PROUD TO BE A YID

LOOK AT THE RESPECT, THEY ARE READING IT AGAIN AND AGAIN  
THEY WANT TO KNOW EACH DETAIL: HOW, WHAT, WHERE, AND WHEN  
THEY PUT IT AWAY, REPLACING EVERY FOLD  
LOCKING IT IN THE SAFE, THEY TREAT IT LIKE GOLD

WE TOO REVIEW OUR LETTER, TIME AND TIME AGAIN  
WE WANT TO KNOW EACH DETAIL: HOW, WHAT, WHERE AND WHEN  
WE HOLD OUR TORAH LOVINGLY, SO AS NOT TO BE REMISS  
WE PLACE IT IN ITS ARON, WHILE FIRST GIVING IT A KISS

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MA AHAVTI SURASECHA, KOL HAYOM HU SICHASI

IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK ME, TELL ME ABOUT YOU  
THE ANSWER WOULD BE, THAT I AM A JEW  
BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN, THAT I'M DIFFERENT THAN THEM?  
I'LL TELL YOU MY FRIEND, I WANT TO BE LIKE HASHEM!

THE WAY THAT I ACT, THE WAY THAT I WALK  
THE WAY THAT I WORK, AND THE WAY THAT I TALK.  
MY LIFE IS THOUGHT OUT, I DON'T ACT ON A WHIM  
THERE'S ONLY ONE GOAL, I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM!

I WANT TO BE LIKE HASHEM, TO GIVE AND TO GIVE  
TO DO THINGS FOR OTHERS, IT'S A REASON TO LIVE  
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE, AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR NEEDS  
IT'S A MITZVAH CALLED CHESED, THE GREATEST OF DEEDS

EVEN IF WE ARE LIVING, IN SUCH DIRE STRAITS  
THE GOAL IS TO EMULATE, HIS CHARACTER TRAITS  
I CAN GROW, I CAN CHANGE, AND WHILE I'M ALIVE  
TO BECOME LIKE HASHEM, FOR THAT I WILL STRIVE!

A YID IS DEFINED, BY THE WAY THAT HE ACTS  
DOES HE HAVE SENSITIVITY, DOES HE SPEAK WITH GREAT TACT?  
DOES HE NOTICE OTHER PEOPLE, AND LESSEN THEIR PAIN?  
DOES HE LEND THEM A HAND, WHEN THEIR STRENGTH STARTS TO WANE?

I'LL SHARE WHAT I HAVE, 'CUZ IT'S NOT REALLY MINE  
IT'S A LOAN FROM ABOVE, FOR A DAY AT A TIME  
I'LL REACH OUT TO OTHERS, NO MATTER WHEN  
IN THAT WAY I TRY, TO BE LIKE HASHEM

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# SONG 4 BE LIKE HIM

# SONG 5

## A SECRET CALLED SHABBOS

(MAFIOSOS SING)

GET TO WORK! GET TO WORK! THERE'S SO MUCH WE MUST DO!  
IF YOU WANT TO REACH THE GOAL, IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU  
NO-ONE'S HERE TO HELP US, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW  
IT'S COMPLETELY UP TO US, WE MUSTN'T BE TOO SLOW

(SPY SINGS)

GOT TO DIG, GOT TO DIG, THIS TUNNEL MUST GET DUH-HE  
WHEN IT IS ALL UH-P TO ME, THE JOB IS NOT MUCH FUN.  
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY, TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE,  
IT'S COMPLETELY UP TO ME, I CANNOT SLOW MY PACE.

(JEWISH BOYS SING)

YOU SEE, WE KNOW THE SECRET, THE SECRET OF A JEW  
THE SECRET IS CALLED SHABBOS – AND NOW YOU KNOW IT TOO  
IN TRUTH HASHEM'S THE BOSS, WHO HELPS US REACH OUR GOAL  
SO ON SHABBOS WE CAN REST, AND ENERGIZE OUR SOUL!

WHILE IT'S TRUE WE GO TO WORK, TO EARN OUR DAILY BREAD  
WE MUSTN'T LET OUR EFFORTS, GO STRAIGHT UP TO OUR HEAD  
A JEW KNOWS HASHEM CREATED, HE'S BOSS OF ALL THE LANDS  
WE HAVE NO NEED TO WORRY, IT'S COMPLETELY IN HIS HANDS!

(MAFIOSOS SING)

GOT TO WORK, GOT TO WORK, WORKING ALL WEEK LONG  
NO TIME TO REST OUR WEARY BONES OR SING A HAPPY SONG  
OUR FATE IS IN OUR HANDS, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY  
SO WE LABOR AND WE TOIL EACH AND EVERY DAY

(SPY SINGS)

IF I WANT TO ESCAPE, THERE'S ONE PATH I MUST TAKE  
I GOTTA WORK REAL HARD, THIS TUNNEL I MUST MAKE  
I HOPE THAT ONE MORE TIME, MY FAMILY I'LL SEE  
I NEED TO DO THIS JOB, IT'S COMPLETELY UP TO ME!

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# SONG 6

## HE'S ALWAYS NEAR

KI MI GOY GADOL, THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE UNIQUE  
ASHER LO ELOKIM KROVIM EILAV, WHENEVER WE WANT TO SPEAK  
KAROV HASHEM L'CHOL KORAV, OUR KING IS ALWAYS NEAR  
WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO RAISE OUR VOICE, OUR PRAYERS HE'LL ALWAYS HEAR.

HE LOVES US LIKE A PARENT, EVEN IF AT TIMES WE'RE BAD  
HE ALWAYS WANTS TO HEAR FROM US, THAT WE'RE HAPPY OR WE'RE SAD  
AND EVEN IF HE ANSWERS 'NO', AS PARENTS SOMETIMES WILL  
HE'S JUST CHOOSING WHAT'S BEST FOR US, WE KNOW HE LOVES US STILL!

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KAROV HASHEM L'CHOL KORAV, OUR KING IS ALWAYS NEAR  
WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO RAISE OUR VOICE, OUR PRAYERS HE'LL ALWAYS HEAR.

IMAGINE A MIGHTY PERSON, LIKE A GENERAL OR A KING  
HE CAN TRULY GRANT YOUR WISH, HE CAN GIVE YOU ANYTHING.  
BUT THAT CAN ONLY HAPPEN, IF THE TWO OF YOU WILL MEET  
AND SECURING AN APPOINTMENT, IS NOT AN EASY FEAT.

YOU MIGHT SEE A MIGHTY RULER, IN THE DISTANCE FAR FROM YOU  
HE CAN GIVE ALL THAT YOU NEED, YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT TO BE TRUE.  
BUT ALL HIS MIGHT WON'T HELP YOU, IF YOUR CRIES HE DOESN'T HEAR  
SO YOU'RE STUCK WITH ALL YOUR TROUBLES, 'CUZ THE GUARDS WON'T LET YOU NEAR!

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KAROV HASHEM L'CHOL KORAV, OUR KING IS ALWAYS NEAR  
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WE YIDDEN HAVE BEEN CHOSEN, FROM THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH  
IT'S THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY, IT'S GOT TREMENDOUS WORTH  
WE BET TO SING HIS PRAISES, IN HIS NAME WE CAN CALL  
WE'RE CONNECTED TO THE ONE, WHO CREATED US ALL!

# SONG 7

## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

WE WENT ON A LONG JOURNEY, OUR TRAVELS ARE NOW DONE  
WE FACED UP TO THE CHALLENGE, IT'S NOW CLEAR THAT WE WON  
A SECRET WE UNCOVERED, TO A TREASURE WE DID DIG  
WE LEARNED ABOUT BITACHON, THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS - TO BE A YID

FROM THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, THE HOLY ONE CHOSE ONLY US  
THEY KNOW THAT WE ARE DIFFERENT, THAT'S THE SOURCE OF THE FUSS  
HE SENT A PRECIOUS LETTER, ONLY MEANT FOR ME AND YOU  
THE TORAH IS THAT LETTER, THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS - TO BE A JEW

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OUR BUBBIES AND OUR ZAIDIES, AND NOW WE JOIN THEIR RANKS  
WE'LL HOLD FAST TO OUR YIDDISHKEIT, AND TO HASHEM GIVE THANKS  
WE'LL DO CHESED FOR EACH OTHER, SO WE CAN BE LIKE HIM  
AND WE'LL ALSO REST ON SHABBOS, THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS - TO BE A YID

A CONNECTION WITH HASHEM, THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE MUST KNOW  
IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S WORTH LIVING FOR, AND NOT JUST FOR LONG AGO  
HE ALWAYS WANTS TO HEAR FROM US, THAT'S A FACT THAT'S TRUE  
THIS MIGHTY TOOL OF TERILLA IS WHAT IT MEANS - TO BE A JEW!

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THIS IS MY FIRST FORAY INTO THE MUSIC AND STORY-CD BUSINESS, AND I HAVE TO SAY, IT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE GREAT TEAM THAT I HAVE WORKING ALONG WITH ME.

THANK YOU TO RABBI YAAKOV GIFTER FOR BEING A GREAT PARTNER. YOU'RE SO TALENTED, AND I LOVE HOW WE EACH THINK THAT THE OTHER ONE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST TALENT! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE LONG HOURS YOU PUT INTO THIS PROJECT.

THANK YOU TO MRS. GIFTER FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND SKILLS; WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU TO HILLEL KAPNICK - OUR WONDERFUL PRODUCER. YOU CERTAINLY PRODUCED A GREAT PRODUCT. THANK YOU TO YOSHI ZWIG FOR DOING A GREAT JOB WITH ALL OF OUR GRAPHIC DESIGN WORK, AND THANK YOU FOR THE ADVICE YOU GAVE ALONG THE WAY. THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS WHO MADE THIS PROJECT A FISCAL POSSIBILITY. AND LAST, BUT IN NO WAY LEAST, THANK YOU HASHEM FOR EVERYTHING!

PLEASE HELP US REACH AND TEACH ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN AND HELP THEM REALIZE WHAT IT IS THAT MAKES THEM A YID.

MAY THIS PROJECT INCREASE KAVOD SHAMAYIM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

# Thank

Shaya Winiarz

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HASHEM FOR GIVING ME THE IDEA OF WORKING WITH SUCH A TALENTED PARTNER, RABBI SHAYA WINIARZ. REALLY, THE ENTIRE IDEA WAS HIS, AND I CAME ALONG FOR THE RIDE. SHAYA APPROACHED ME WITH THE IDEA A FEW YEARS BEFORE WE ACTUALLY GOT STARTED, AND I'M GLAD THAT IT BECAME A REALITY.

I THANK HASHEM AS WELL FOR THE SIYATA DISHMAYA TO COME UP WITH THE SONGS RATHER QUICKLY. I FELT HASHEM'S GUIDING HAND IN THE PROCESS, AND I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL.

NOTHING THAT HAPPENS IN MY LIFE, HAPPENS WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF MY WIFE SHOSHANA, AND I COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A MORE PERFECT PERSON TO PARTNER WITH IN LIFE. שלי שילך. BESIDES THE INCREDIBLE PARENTING TALENT SHE HAS, HER MUSIC ABILITIES SHINE THROUGH ON THIS PROJECT. AT THE SAME TIME, I MUST THANK THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING UP SUCH AN INCREDIBLE PERSON - MY IN-LAWS - RABBI AND MRS. IRA EISENMAN, (PROBABLY BETTER KNOWN AS "LISTENER SEENA" AND HER HUSBAND DOWN IN NORTH MIAMI). MY IN-LAWS HAVE FOREVER BEEN THE STALWART PILLARS OF SUPPORT AND THIS PROJECT PROVED NO DIFFERENT.

THANKS TO MRS. SEENA EISENMAN FOR ALL HER HELP WITH THE P.R. AS WELL!

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF MY CHILDREN FOR THEIR SUPPORT (LITERALLY!) IN THIS PROJECT. WITHOUT THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT, IT WOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED.

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO TOOK AN INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT AND I HOPE THE MESSAGE COMES THROUGH CLEARLY, SO YOU APPRECIATE WHAT IT MEANS "TO BE A YID."

Yaakov Gifter

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