

Poem Hope

מזה שבועות אני מדממת שירים

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I name the file "Suffering"
I erase it and rename it
"October"
I change it to "The Seventh"
I change it to "Abyss"
I change it to "Multiple Abysses"
I rename it "Hell"

I rename it "Hope"
I tell the computer to remember the file
The computer answers me
"Holding on to hope."

אֲנִי קוֹרֵאת לַקּבֶץ "יָגוֹן" מוֹחֶקֶת קוֹרֵאת לוֹ "אוֹקְטוֹבֶּר" מְשַנָּה לְ"שִׁבְעָה" מַחֲלִיפָּה לְ"תְּהוֹם" מְשַנָּה: "תְּהוֹמוֹת" קוֹרֵאת לוֹ "כִּשָׁאוֹל"

קוֹרֵאת לוֹ "תִּקְנָה" מוֹרָה לַמַּחְשֵׁב שֶׁיִזְכֹּר הוא עוֹנֶה לִי "שוֹמֵר אֶת תִּקנָה"

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. How would you describe the emotional experience of the poet in your own words?
- 2. If you had a computer file where you kept your thoughts about the war, what would you name it?