



Tehillim/Psalms A song of ascents | Psalms 121

Some Yom Haatzmaut liturgy includes psalms 107, 97, and 98. We are suggesting three alternative chapters that may be more accessible to students.

Chapter 121 sung by Omer Adam

Psalms 121

A song for ascents. I turn my eyes to the mountains; from where will my help come? My help comes from Hashem, maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot give way; your guardian will not slumber, See, the guardian of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! Hashem is your guardian, the Hashem is your protection at your right hand. By day the sun will not strike you, nor the moon by night. Hashem will guard you from all harm; He will guard your life. Hashem will guard your going and coming now and forever.

תהילים קכ"א

שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֶשָׂא עֵינֵי אֶל־הָהָרִים מֵאֵין יָבֹא עֶזְרִי: עֶזְרִי מֵעִם יְהֹוָה עֹשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ: אַל־יִתֵּן לַמּוֹט רַגְלֶךָ אַל־יָנום שֹׁמְרֶךָ: הָנֵה לֹא־יָנום וְלֹא יִישָׁן שׁוֹמֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל: יְהֹוָה שֹׁמְרֶךָ יְהֹוָה צִּלְךָ עַל־יַד יְמִינֶךָ: יוֹמָם הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא־יַכֶּכָּה וְיָרֵחַ בַּלְיִלָה: יְהֹוָה יִשְׁמִר־צֵאתְךָ ובּוֹאֶךָ מֵעַתָּה וְעַד־עוֹלָם: {e}

Why this chapter?

This chapter calls on us to look up and into the distance with hope and faith. This chapter has been sung frequently during the war by Israeli singers to give encouragement to soldiers and to the wounded.