

# *This Holy Place*

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Lo Ira: Sandra Wong, violin, Diane Cline, cello, Don Godwin

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1. Sing A New Song: Music & Lyrics by Lisa Levine based on a text: Isaiah 42:10. This prayer was inspired by the Redwood forests of Del Norte County California and my deep and abiding relationship with nature and our struggle to save our planet. Featured on the Dayeinu Songs for the Earth playlist!
2. Geshet Tzar M'od: Music by Lisa Levine based on Reb Nachman's teaching: The world is a very narrow bridge, the lesson is not to be afraid. This song was inspired by the Covid pandemic and my first Bat Mitzvah back with a crowd of unmasked people. It was terrifying.

3. K'racheim Av: Music & Lyrics by Lisa Levine & High Holy Day Liturgy. This was inspired by a need for a new melody with the idea that a *niggun* (song without words) that everyone can sing would be a great idea. This setting was chosen to be included in the new High Holy Day Anthology published by Transcontinental Music Publications .[https://www.transcontinentalmusic.com/PDA-High-Holy-Days-Anthology-Volume-II-\(AUDIO\)-79796](https://www.transcontinentalmusic.com/PDA-High-Holy-Days-Anthology-Volume-II-(AUDIO)-79796)
4. In Your Loving Arms: Music and Lyrics by Lisa Levine commissioned by the American Conference of Cantors for their convention in 2018. This prayer is inspired by the Jewish Chaplains Prayer and goes out to everyone who serves! It blesses those who are in harms way and prays that they are kept safe and come home to loving arms.
5. On That Day: Music and Lyrics by Lisa Levine based on Liturgy. This prayer was written as I was leading services at B'nai Israel Easton Maryland. I wanted an upbeat alternative after *Aleinu* to get people clapping. It worked.
6. Lo Ira: Music and Lyrics by Lisa Levine based on the prayer *Adon Olam*. Written during the pandemic, this chant became my soundtrack for healing as I navigated the fear of death. It calmed and soothed me through many scary moments.
7. B'shem HaShem: Music by Lisa Levine based on the prayer by Isaiah. This sacred chant was inspired by Rabbi Orna Triguboff and her Kabbalah Dreams and Sleep teachings from the Zohar. The prayer is said before bedtime to invoke the protection of Michael (love and compassion to the right) , Gabriel (strength and wisdom to the left) Uriel (Light

and new possibilities to the front) and Rafael (Healing and hope behind) All around us is *Shechinah*, the feminine aspect of Yah's presence in the world.

8. **Gomel Blessing:** Music by Lisa Levine lyrics by Rabbi Bob Levy. This prayer was commissioned by Temple Beth Emeth of Ann Arbor Michigan in honor of the retirement of Rabbi Bob Levy. It is a prayer of blessing for those who have come through great challenges and stood to celebrate new journeys. It is included in the new Mikraei Kodesh Anthology Life Cycle book published by Transcontinental Music. <https://www.transcontinentalmusic.com/>
9. **Adonai Natan** Music by Lisa Levine lyrics by Job. This prayer was written for Jamie Powell when she was suddenly taken from her family by a tragic accident. God gives, God takes, blessed is God.
10. **This Holy Place** Music and Lyrics by Lisa Levine. The arrangement is by Marshall Portnoy This prayer was written for the ground breaking of the new sanctuary for Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth Beach DE. It is meant as a welcome back after the pandemic as we reenter the holy places where we belong. It is also a great anthem for the High Holy Days!

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