

A *piyut* (liturgical poem) for *Selichot* for the advent of the Shmita year.

This short *piyut* touches on these four themes related to Shmita: release of debts, the rights of the land, the rights of wild animals (who share our food during Shmita), and the freeing of slaves.

“Ba'al Choveinu”

בְּעַל חוֹבֵנוּ, שְׁמַט חוֹבוֹתֵינוּ!
קוֹנֵה כָּל אֶרֶץ, רַפֵּא שְׂדוֹתֵינוּ!
מַתִּיר אֲסוּרִים,
בְּהֵמָה וְאָדָם, הַמְכַנִּיעַ חֶמֶס,
מִיַּדֵּינוּ שְׁחָרָרָם!
וְרַק אַז תִּתְּיוּן צְדָקוֹתֵינוּ.

Our creditor, owner of our debts, release our debts, our sins!
Possessor of all Earth, heal her whom we have plundered!
Liberator of the bound,
animal and human -- those oppressed by violence --
from our hands may they be free!
Only then will our righteousness be perfected.

*Ba'al choveinu, sh'mot chovoteinu! Koneh kol arets, rapei sh'dudateinu!
Matir asurim, b'heimah va'adam hamakhni'a chamas, miyadeinu shachreiram!
V'rak az t'tukan tsidkoteinu!*

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