MUSIC FOR HUMANISTIC JUDAISM

Music makes a significant contribution to the beauty of holidays and life cycle experiences for Humanistic Jews. Humanistic Judaism has developed an inspiring collection of music that is consistent with the philosophy.

There are five major sources and strategies for developing music for the Society for Humanistic Judaism. They include:

1. Jewish traditional music used without change;
2. Modern North American and Israeli poetry and music also without change;
3. Ancient or modern music, poetry or prose that we adapt so that it is consistent with the philosophy of Humanistic Judaism;
4. Material from secular culture and
5. New material written specifically for Humanistic Judaism.

We will begin our collection with music and lyrics written specifically for Humanistic Judaism.

Scroll down for the sheet music for the following pieces:

3. There’s A Place (Yesh Makom). Music by Sandi Horwitz, lyrics by Jerald Bain, Eva Goldfinger & Sandi Horwitz (Copyright 1999)

Audio can be heard on the SHJ YouTube Channel in the playlist entitled, “Music for and by Humanistic Jews.”
Ayfo Oree 2

M. Mandel

Where is my light? My light is in me. Where is my hope? My hope is in me. Where is my strength? My strength is in me. And in you, and in you. Ay fo oh ree? Oh ree bee. Ay fo tik va tee? Tik-va tee bee Ay fo ko khee? Ko khee bee. ve gam bakh ve gam bakh ve gam bakh.
Ayfo Ori

Lyrics: Sherwin Wine; Music: Sandi Horwitz
Harmony: Gail Klebanoff
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Ayfo o-ri? - Ori -i bi- i. Ayfo tik-vah ti? Tik-vah
Where is my light? (My) light is in me-e-e. Where is my hope? My

G7 C C7 Dm G7 C Am Dm


G7 Am CODA: E7 Am

V'gam bakh.
There's A Place (Yesh Makom)

Words: J. Bain, E. Goldfinger, S. Horwitz
Music: S. Horwitz
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1. There's a place with answers we are seeking. There's a place to find our light of hope. Where's the strength to realize our vision?

2. There's a place with wisdom that can guide us. There's a place where we know what's right or wrong. Where's the path to peace that we all long for?

Yesh makom b'to chaynu. Yesh makom b'to chaynu. Look within yourself you'll find it there.

Instrumental, then Verse 2
1. Think about the little child who has no food to eat.

2. Think about the homeless person living on the street.

3. Each of us can make a difference if we do our part.

Think of all the violence we hear about each day. How can we turn our backs and walk away?

That's what tikun olam is all about.
Chorus: It's up to me. It's up to you.

'cause now we know what we must do.

The task belongs to everybody.

Re-pair the world, tikun o-lam.

CODA: Re-pair the world tikun o-lam.