

# **Al Hanisim**

**(For the Miracles)**

*for SATB Chorus unaccompanied*

**Music by Joshua Fishbein**

**Words from Jewish Liturgy  
for Chanukah and Purim\***

\* Note: This text may also be recited on Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Day of Independence)

## Hebrew and International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

\*(Hebrew) הַפְּרָקוּן וְעַל, הַנְּסִים עַל  
(IPA) ʔal ha-ni-'sim, və-'ʔal ha-pur-'kan

הַתְּשׁוּעוֹת וְעַל, הַגְּבוּרוֹת וְעַל,  
və-'ʔal ha-gə-vu-'rot, və-'ʔal ha-tə-ʃu-'ʔot,

וְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ לְאִבּוֹתֵינוּ שְׁעָשִׂיתָ, תִּהְיֶה לְחֵמוֹ וְעַל,  
və-'ʔal ha-mil-ʁa-'mot, ʃɛ-'ʔa-'si-ta la-'ʔa-vo-'tei-nu və-ʔi-mo-'tei-nu,

הַזֶּה בְּזֶמַן הַהֵם סְבִימִי.  
ba-ja-'mim ha-'hem ba-zə-'man ha-'zɛ.

\*Note: This text from Jewish liturgy for Chanukah and Purim is in the public domain. The Hebrew words above are ordered from left to right (opposite from normal Hebrew), in order to be consistent with the phonetic transcription.

### Transliteration

*Al hanisim, v'al hapurkàn,  
v'al hag'vuròt, v'al hat'shu-òt,  
v'al hamilchamòt, she-asita la-avotèinu v'imotèinu,  
bayamim hahèm baz'màn hazèh.*

### Translation

[We thank you] for the miracles, for the redemption,  
for the victories, for the saving acts,  
for the wars, which You waged for our forefathers and foremothers,  
in those days at this season.

Translation adapted  
by the composer

### Pronunciation Guide for Transliteration

#### Vowels

*a* as in *father*  
*ai* as in *aisle* (= long *i* as in *ice*)  
*e* = short *e* as in *bed*  
*ei* as in *eight* (= long *a* as in *ace*)  
*i* as in *pizza* (= long *e* as in *be*)  
*o* = long *o* as in *go*  
*u* = long *u* as in *lunar*

' = unstressed vowel in between an unstressed short "e" (as in *bed*) and a schwa (ə in IPA)

#### Consonants

*ch* as in German *Bach* or Scottish *loch* (not as in *cheese*)  
*g* = hard *g* as in *get* (not soft *g* as in *gem*)  
*tz* = as in *boats*  
*h* after a vowel is silent  
*r* should be flipped

Note: All cut-offs should be placed on the rest (not on the tied eighth note).

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Majestic, with mystery ♩ = c. 80

*poco rit.*

Soprano *mf*  
Al ha-ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

Alto *mf*  
Al ha-ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

Tenor *mf*  
Al ha-ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

Bass *mf*  
Al ha-ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

Majestic, with mystery ♩ = c. 80

*poco rit.*

Keyboard  
(for rehearsal only)

A little slower, calm ♩ = 72

*broadening*

*poco rit. a tempo*

S *mp cantabile*  
rot, v' - al ha - t' - shu - ot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a -

A *p* *mp cant.* *più f*  
rot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu,

T *p* *mp* *più f*  
rot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu,

B *p* *mp* *più f*  
rot, she - a - si - ta - la - a - vo - tei - nu,

A little slower, calm ♩ = 72

*broadening*

*poco rit. a tempo*

Keyboard

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11 *p* *ten.* *mf* *n. b.*

S si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu v' - i - mo -

A *subito p* *mf* *n. b.*

la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu v' - i - mo -

T *subito p* *mf*

8 la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, i - mo -

B *subito p* *mf*

la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, i - mo -

15 *poco rallentando*

S *stagger breathe* *decresc.* *p*

tei - - - - - nu,

A *stagger breathe* *decresc.* *p*

tei - - - - - nu,

T *decresc.* *p*

8 tei - - - - - nu,

B *decresc.* *p*

tei - - - - - nu,

*poco rallentando*

*a tempo, legato e leggero**(♩ = 72) mp calm*

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S Al ha - ni - sim, ha - ni - sim v' - al ha - pur - kan,

A *p* Hmm ha - ni - sim, ha - pur - kan,

T *p* Hmm, *mp calm* Al ha - ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur -

B *p* Hmm, *mp* v' - al ha - pur - kan,

*a tempo, legato e leggero*  
*(♩ = 72)*

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S *mp* v' - al ha - g' - vu - rot, v' - al ha - t' - shu - ot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot,

A *p* Hmm, *mp* v' - al ha - t' - shu - ot, ha - mil - cha - mot,

T *mp* kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu - rot, *cresc.* she - a -

B *p* Hmm, *mp* v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot,

27 *gradually pressing forward*

S *mf cresc.*  
she - a -

A *mf* *più f*  
she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a -

T *mf* *più f*  
8 si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a -

B *mf* *mf cresc.* *più f*  
Ah, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a -

*gradually pressing forward*

S *f* *allarg.* *ff*  
si - ta, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu v' - i - mo tei - nu,

A *f* *ff*  
si - ta she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu,

T *f* *ff*  
8 si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu,

B *f* *ff*  
si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu,

*allarg.*

Tempo primo (♩ = c. 80), grand

*poco rit.*

36 *ff* *deliberately*

S Al ha - ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

A *ff* *deliberately*

A Al ha - ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

T *ff* *deliberately*

T Al ha - ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

B *ff* *deliberately*

B Al ha - ni - sim, v' - al ha - pur - kan, v' - al ha - g' - vu -

Tempo primo (♩ = c. 80), grand

*poco rit.*

Slower, relaxed ♩ = 72

41 *molto* *p* *mp cant.* *più f* *broadening* *poco rit. a tempo*

S rot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a -

A *mp cantabile* *più f* \*

A rot, v' - al ha - t' - shu - ot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu,

T *molto* *p* *mp cant.*

T rot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu,

B *molto* *p* *sotto voce* *mp cant.*

B rot, v' - al ha - mil - cha - mot, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu,

Slower, relaxed ♩ = 72 *broadening* *poco rit. a tempo*

\* This pitch is different than in m. 9.

46 *p* *ten.* *mf* n. b. 3

S si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu v' - i - mo -

A *subito p* *mf* n. b. 3

la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu v' - i - mo -

T *subito p* *mf* 8

la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, i - mo -

B *subito p* *mf*

la - a - vo - tei - nu, she - a - si - ta la - a - vo - tei - nu, i - mo -

*ten.* 3

50 *ten.* *p* *pp* (♩ = ♩)

S tei - - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu, ba - ya -

A *p* *pp*

tei - - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu, ba - ya -

T *p* 8

tei - - nu, v' - i - mo - tei - nu,

B *p*

tei - - nu, v' - i - \* (♩) - mo - tei - nu,

*ten.* (♩ = ♩)

Slow, stately  $\text{♩} = 36$

*poco rit.*

*a tempo*

55

S mim ha - hem, ba - ya - mim ha - hem, ba - z' -

A mim ha - hem, ba - ya - mim ha - hem, ba - z' -

T *pp* ha - hem, *p* ba - ya - mim ha - hem, *mf* ba - z' -

B *pp* ha - hem, *p* ba - ya - mim ha - hem, *mf* ba - z' -

Slow, stately  $\text{♩} = 36$  *poco rit.* *a tempo*

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S man ha - zeh, ba - z' - man ha - zeh, ha - zeh.

A man ha - zeh, ba - z' - man ha - zeh, ha - zeh.

T man ha - zeh, ba - z' - man ha - zeh, ha - zeh.

B man ha - zeh, ba - z' - man ha - zeh, ha - zeh.

*casually* *mf* *allarg.* *f* *rit.* *p*

*casually* *mf* *f* *p*

*mf* *f* *p*

*mf* *f* *p*

*allarg.* *rit.*

c. 4'

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\* optional divisi