Songs for Tu Bishvat שִׁירֵי ט"וּ בַּשָּׁבָט

1. The time of lovers עֵת דוֹדִים כַּלָה Melody: Sephardic Text: based on Shir Hashirim, 6:11.

Eit dodim kala, bo'i l'gani עת דוֹדִים כַּלָה, בּוֹאִי לְגַנִי Par'cha hagefen heineitsu rimonim פָּרְחָה הַגֶּפֶּן, הֵגֵצוּ רִמֹנִים

> It is the time of lovers, my bride The vine is budding, the pomegranates are in bloom.

2. The Song of the Grasses שִׁירַת הָעֲשָׂבִים

words by Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav music by Naomi Shemer

Da lekha, דע לְּךּ shekol ro'eh ve ro'eh שֶׁכָּל רוֹעֶה וְרוֹעֶה yeish lo nigun meyuchad mishelo. יֵשׁ לוֹ נִיגוּן מִיוּחַד מִשֶּׁלוֹ

Tע לְּךְ Shekol eisev v'eisev שָׁבּל עֵשֶׂב וְעֵשֶׂב yeish lo shirah meyuchedet mishelo. יֵשׁ לוֹ שִׁירָה מְיוּחֶדֶת מִשֶּׁלוֹ Umishirat ha'asavim וּמִשִּׁירַת הָעֲשָׂבִים na'aseh nigun shel ro'eh. נַעֲשֶׂה נִיגוּן שָׁל רוֹעֵה

Know (for yourself), that each and every shepherd has his [or her] own melody.

Know for yourself, that each and every blade of grass has its own song.

From the song of the grasses, we make the song of the shepherd.

3. The righteous shall flourish like the date-palm, צַּדִּיק כַּתָּטֶר יִפַּרָח Psalm 92

> Tzadik katamar yifrach, צַּדִּיק כַּתְּמֶר יִפַּרָח K'erez baL'vanon yisge, פָּאֵרָז בַּלְבַנוֹן יִשְׁגֵּה

The righteous shall flourish like the date-palm, grow tall like a cedar in Lebanon.

4. The Pomegranate Tree עֵץ הַרְמוֹן Melody: Bucharan Words: Ya'akov Orland

Eitz harimon natan reicho אֵץ הַרְמוֹן נָתַן רֵיחוֹ MiYam Hamelach ad Yericho מֵיָם הַמֶּלַח עַד יְרִיחוֹ Shav chomati g'dudech mindod שָׁב חוֹמַתִי גְּדוּדֵךְ מִנְדוֹד שָׁב תִּמַתִי דוֹדֵךְ מִנְדוֹד

The pomegranate tree gave forth its fragrance, from the Dead Sea to Jericho. Your beloved warrior has returned from wandering, my perfect one.

Zimun: Invitation to Kiddush זְבְעוּן
 Based on the invitation to Kiddush on Passover

Hin'ni muchan um'zuman הְנְנִי מּוּכָן וּמְזוּמָן L'kayeim mitsvat kos לְקַיֵם מִצוַת כּוֹס [1: rishona, 2: shniya, 3: shlishit, 4: r'vi'it] אַלִישִׁית, רְבִיעִית] K'mo shekatuv baTorah בְּמוֹ שֶׁכָּתוּב בַּתּוֹרָה Hin'ni muchan um'zuman הְנְנִי מוּכָן וּמְזוּמָן *"Ki ha'adam eitz hasadeh" "פִּי הָאָדָם עֵץ הַשֶּׂדֶה" Hin'ni muchan um'zuman הְנִנִי מוּכָן וּמְזוּמַן

Here I am, prepared, and invited, to fulfill the mitzvah of the [1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th] cup. As it is written in the Torah (here I am, prepared, invited): "Is not a person like a tree of the field?" [Deuteronomy 20:19] (here I am, prepared, invited).

*Note: on Passover we say instead:

V'kidashtem lachem et chag hamatsot וְקִדַ שְׁתֶּם לָכֶם אֶת חֵג הַמַצוֹת

"you shall make holy the festival of Matzot,"