

Ezk'rah Elohim (from the Neilah service on Yom Kippur)

Ezk'rah elohim, v'ehemayah
Biroti kol ir al tilah b'nuyah,
V'ir ha-elohim mushpelet ad sh'ol tachtiya:
Uv'chol zot anu l'yah v'eineinu l'yah.

Rachamecha aleinu galgeil na goali,
L'fanav nafshi t'chinateich hapili;
Uv'ad ami rachamim sha-ali
Ki chol leivav davai v'chol rosh lacholi.

Tamachti y'teidotai bishlosh esrei teivot
Uvesha-arei dimaot ki lo nishlavot
Lachein shafachti siach p'nei vochein l'bot
B'tu-ach ani ba-eileh uvizchut sh'loshet avot

Y'hi ratzon l'fanecha shomei-a kol bich'yot
Shetasim dimoteinu b'nodcha liyot
V'tatzileinu mikol n'zeirot ach'zariyot
Ki l'cha l'vad eineinu t'luyot.

I shall remember, O God, and I shall moan,
When I see every city built on its hilltop,
And God's own city is degraded to the
nethermost depth.
And yet, we look hopefully to the Lord.

Send us Thy mercy, O Redeemer!
Present our supplication before the Lord;
Implore compassion for my people's sake:
For each heart is sick, each head is ailing.

I rest on pillars, on God's holy parts,
On tears that flow with never ceasing might;
I pour out prayer to Him who tests hearts:
In these I trust, and in the merit of the three
Patriarchs.

May it be Your will, You who hears the sound of
weeping,
May it be Your will to preserve our tears.
Deliver us from all cruel decrees,
For on You alone are our eyes fixed.