שערי נגינה

Simachaschem

"U'viyom Simachaschem" is a lively, joyous niggun, whose tune is used on various occasions. Its beautiful words are Pesukim from the Torah, which we say during Mussaf on Rosh Hashana. They speak of the joy that should complement the bringing of Korbanos on various special days, through the blowing of the trumpets.

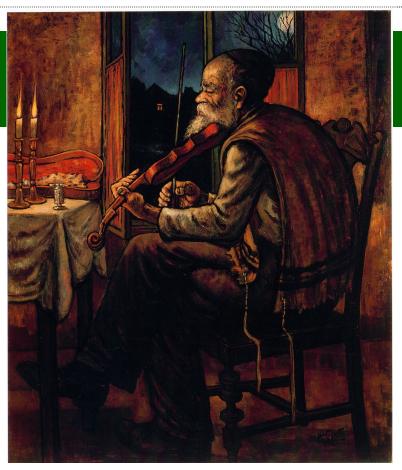
The Perfect Words

The distribution of "Kos Shel B'rocha" on Motzei Rosh Hashonah 5740 was an exceptionally joyous occasion.

In the midst of singing the lively tune of "U'viyom Simachaschcem" (this was a commonly sung tune and was also used with the words of "Sim Shalom", the words that we have today were applied at this momentous occasion), the Rebbe turned to Rabbi Groner and told him that the words "U'viyom Simachaschem" fit this niggun.

After singing it for a while the Rebbe turned to Rabbi Moshe Teleshevsky and said to him: "The style of piyutim is that after each stanza you go over the first words again [sort of like a chorus]. An example of this is in Selichos when we say the words "Ulai Yeracheim" and after all, you are the Chazzan here", ended the Rebbe.

The Rebbe's intention was that Reb Moshe should sing the niggun again.



At the end of "Kos Shel B'rocha" they were singing this niggun yet again. Suddenly, the Rebbe interrupted and announced: "We would do better with a Simchas Torahdike Niggun".

Chassidim then started singing, "Zol Shoin Zain di Geula" without the words. The Rebbe encouraged the singing with both of his hands. The joy and energy that was given off by the encouragement of the singing was like that of Simchas Torah. The entire hall, all the chassidim felt at that moment, as if they were standing by hakafos.

Levi Freiden (one of the famous photographers of the Rebbe) recounts, that when he returned to Eretz Yisroel and showed the footage of this spectacular event, the chassidim felt very encouraged by what they had seen. For the video served as evidence that the Rebbe had regained his strength, vigor and energy, after the Rebbe's heart-attack on Shmini Atzeres 57381.

At the Simchas Torah Farbrengen of that year, they started the Farbrengen with this niggun.

[Excerpts of a Yoman by Rabbi Michoel Zeligson]

^{1.} A video recording of this clip can be seen on "Tishrei with the Rebbe" Vol. 1 by Jem.