

here's a [youtube playlist](#) so you can listen to the songs in advance!

since humanity became a thing, we have gathered to sing: to tell stories, create sacredness, remember the past, or just have a good time. so let's give ourselves permission to sing, to be human. may we sing not to sound good, but to feel good. to warm our hearts. to bring in the light. together. ♥

the walk home niggun. *eliana light*

let there be light. *billy jonas*

from the vastness of outer space issued a plan-to separate sea from sky and sand
but how to give form to the night? take a breath, make a wish and say:

let there be light, let there be light- tonight, tonight, tonight!

in the depth of the forest we fashioned our drums, to echo the heart-beating heat of the sun
and call it back from its dark winter flight. 'round a torch in a cave we sang:

let there be light, let there be light- tonight, tonight, tonight!

in the scorch of the desert the maccabees strained. their faith, it was fixed in a flickering flame
when one day's worth of oil burned eight nights, every day they would pray, singing

let there be light, let there be light- tonight, tonight, tonight!

in the wick of the lantern, the flame in your heart, is an ember remembering back to the start
so if nothing is working out right, take a breath, make a wish and say

let there be light, let there be light- tonight, tonight, tonight- tonight, tonight, tonight!

koli ekra. *eliana light*

שְׁמַע־הַיְהוָה קוֹלִי אֶקְרָא וְהַיְהוָה יַעֲנֵנִי

v'choneini, whoa va'aneini. koli ekra, koli ekra. sh'ma havayah, havayah, sh'ma, sh'ma.

my voice calls out to the sum-of-all-things, for answers, for mercy. from psalm 27.

yotzeir or. *billy jonas*

*to the light, here's to the light, fly to the light. to the light, straight to the light, fly to the light.
mah ra-bu.... ma'a- se-cha yah!*

shiny, shiny, shiny, tantalizing treasure-precious as a flame to a moth
teach me how to love the glow, without diving for the diamonds in the lava flow
everyone and everything will always go *to the light...*

glory, glory, glory, radiating wonder-rising like a queen from the east
once again I get to learn- not to lean so hard my sweet caress begins to burn
dancing in between the two as we return *to the light...*

tiny, tiny, tiny, scintillating ember, long forgotten song at your core
sing me, sacred northern star, shining from the shadows of this broken heart
lifting through the narrows in a perfect arc *to the light...*

i am light. *india. arie*

<p><i>i am light, i am light</i> i am not the things my family did i am not the voices in my head i am not the pieces of the brokenness inside- i am light. i am light...</p> <p>i'm not the mistakes that i have made or any of the things that caused me pain i am not the pieces of the dream i left behind- i am light. i am light...</p>	<p>i am not the colour of my eyes i am not the skin on the outside i am not my age, i am not my race, my soul inside-is all light...</p> <p>i am divinity defined i am the g?d on the inside i am a star- a piece of it all i am light...</p>
---	---

pirsumei nisah (candle in the window). *eliana light*

orah hi. *eliana light. text by rabbi jill hammer*

<p>orah hi, orah hi, tivnei veitah bekarov, bimheira, bimheira, beyameinu bekarov, elah b'ni, elah b'ni, b'ni veiteich bekarov.</p> <p>binah hi, gilah hi, dimah hi... hadar hi, vered hi, zerem hi... chiddush hi, tibur hi, yichud hi... keseh hi, leidah hi, ma'yan hi... nechama hi, selichah hi, otzmah hi... pidyon hi, tzedek hi, kodesh hi... ra'ya hi, shonah hi, tamah hi...</p>	<p>she is light, she is light. may she build her house soon, soon, speedily and in our days. g?d, build your house soon- close to us in time and space.</p> <p>she is wisdom, she is joy, she is tears. she is splendor, she is a rose, she is a flowing stream. she is renewal, she is the center, she is oneness. she is the full moon, she is birth, she is the fountain-source. she is comfort, she is forgiveness, she is strength. she is redemption, she is righteousness, she is holiness. she is a beloved companion, she is always changing, she is complete and perfect.</p>
--	---

give light. *terry leonin and greg artzner*

<p>give light, and people will find the way. give light, and people will find the way. give light, and people will find the way - people will find the way, i do believe! teach peace... stand together... give love... give hope...</p>
--

♥ may we each shine our light this hanukkah ♥
listen to (most of) the songs [here!](#)