

# ISRAEL'S NATIONAL ANTHEM

## HaTikvah

(THE HOPE)



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The words to Israel's National Anthem were written in 1886 by Naphtali Herz Imber, a poet originally from the Ukraine. The melody was written by Samuel Cohen, an immigrant from Moldavia. Cohen based the melody on a musical theme found in Bedrich Smetana's 'Moldau'.

It served as the Anthem of the Zionist Movement at the 18th Zionist Congress in 1933. When the State of Israel was established in May 14, 1948, the first stanza and refrain were adopted as the National Anthem. Until 2004, Hatikva was not officially the National Anthem when it was rooted in the Flag and Emblem Law.

כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבֵּב פְּנִימָה  
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדֵי הוֹמְיָה,  
וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח, קְדִימָה,  
עַיִן לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפְיָה,

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תְּקוּתָנוּ,  
הַתְּקוּהָ בֵּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלֵפִים,  
לִהְיוֹת עִם חֻפְשֵׁי בְּאֶרְצֵנוּ,  
אֶרֶץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

*As long as deep within the heart  
A Jewish soul stirs,  
And forward, to the ends of the East  
An eye looks out, towards Zion.*

*Our hope is not yet lost,  
The hope of 2000 years,  
To be a free people in our land  
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.  
To be a free people in our land  
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.*

*Kol od balevav penimah,  
Nefesh Yehudi homiyah.  
Ulfa'atei mizrach kadimah,  
Ayin l'Tziyon tzofiyah.*

*Od lo avdah tikvateinu,  
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,  
Lihyot am chofshi be'artzeinu,  
Eretz Tziyon viyrushalayim.  
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Eretz Tziyon viyrushalayim.*

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