

Od Lo Ahavti Dai

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I Haven't Loved Enough

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I Haven't Loved Enough

I haven't built a home with my own two hands
I haven't found water in the middle of the desert
I haven't sketched a flower, I haven't figured out how
The road will bring me, wherever I wander.

Chorus
Ay, Ay, I haven't loved enough
The wind and sun are on my face
Ay, Ay, I haven't said "enough"
If not, if not now, when?

I haven't planted a lawn, I haven't founded a city
I haven't planted a vineyard on a chalky hill
I haven't done everything with my own hands
I haven't tried everything, I haven't loved enough

Chorus
Ay, Ay, I haven't loved enough...

עוד לא אהבתי די

באלה הידיים עוד לא בניתי כפר
עוד לא מצאתי מים באמצע המדבר
עוד לא ציירתי פרח, עוד לא גיליתי איך
תוביל אותי הדרך ולאן אני הולך

פזמון
אי - עוד לא אהבתי די
הרוח והשמש על פני
אי - עוד לא אמרתי די
ואם לא, אם לא עכשיו אימתי

עוד לא שתלתי דשא, עוד לא הקמתי עיר
עוד לא נטעתי כרם על כל גבעות הגיר
עוד לא הכל עשיתי ממש במו ידי
עוד לא הכל ניסיתי, עוד לא אהבתי די

פזמון
אי - עוד לא אהבתי די...

עוד לא הקמתי שבט, עוד לא חיברתי שיר
עוד לא ירד לי שלג באמצע הקציר
אני עוד לא כתבתי את זיכרונותי
עוד לא בניתי לי את בית חלומותי

פזמון
אי - עוד לא אהבתי די…

ואף על פי שאת פה, ואת כל כך יפה
ממך אני בורח כמו ממגיפה
עוד יש הרבה דברים שרציתי לעשות
את בטח תסלחי לי גם בשנה הזאת

פזמון
אי - עוד לא אהבתי די…

I haven't created a tribe, I haven't composed a song
Snow hasn't fallen on me in the midst of harvesting
I haven't written my memoirs
I haven't built my dream house

Chorus
Ay, Ay, I haven't loved enough…

And despite that you are here, and you are so beautiful
I flee from you, as I would from the plague
I have many things that I've wanted to do
You must forgive me, this year, too.

Chorus
Ay, Ay, I haven't loved enough…

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Opening
Od Lo Ahavti Dai: I Haven't Loved Enough!

Katzefet – Temple Aliyah – Needham, MA
Banu La'asot Sameach: Good morning! The skies are blue, it's a beautiful day, and life brings daily doses of delights in different spaces and sizes. Especially in challenging times for our community, we celebrate the gifts of joy and light through dance.

Rikudei Yachad – Rockville, MD
Lehakat Klezmer: Join Rikudei Yachad on our journey back to Eastern Europe. With big band klezmer,

duets, and quartets, this piece is bursting with chutzpah and nostalgia. You'll be glad you made the schlep to watch us schvitz, because this piece will have you kvelling!

Kochavim – Congregation Agudath Israel – Caldwell, NJ

Bananot: The Kochavim dancers invite you to escape your troubles and take a trip with them to Africa, where we only have to worry about the sun above us and the stars lighting up the night. While our piece is fun and light, our hearts and minds are always focused on our friends and family in Israel.

Mavrik – Washington, DC

Sipurei Ahava: Mavrik is a women's Israeli dance troupe in Washington, DC. Our style mixes traditional Israeli dance with a modern twist.

KesheRoked – Kesher Newton – Newton, MA

Matok Matok: Enjoy our upbeat, vibrant dance about how sweet life is when we are all dancing together.

Avirah Israeli Dance Company – University of Maryland – College Park, MD

Matanat Shabbat: This dance called "The Gift of Shabbat" explores the beauty and joy of Shabbat we experience every week.

Yesodot – Rockville, MD

In The Desert: As we approach the holiday of Passover, we remember the escape from Egypt and the Jewish people's wandering in the desert for 40 years. Food comes from the skies; water is difficult to come by. Set to the music of Ofra Haza, this suite represents the day by day life of the Jews from the time of the Exodus until they reach the Promised Land.

Chai Alumni – The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Shema Yisrael: Hear O Israel is an upbeat interpretation of one of Judaism's most essential prayers. The dance combines powerful, dynamic movements with fluid transitions, reflecting the emotional intensity and spiritual devotion of the prayer. Shema Yisrael creates a visually captivating experience that emphasizes unity, faith, and the deep connection of our Jewish roots.

Lehakat Me'hatchala – Muhlenberg College – Allentown, PA

Tizmon: This debka is about the timing of our lives, moving between old and new, here and there. Our dance brings together rhythm, timing, and fun to create a debka that is uniquely ours. We believe that it is the attributes of each individual dancer, all together, that make a dance whole. The troupe cannot wait to show you what we have worked so hard for, and we hope you enjoy the show as much as we

love making it.

Sucaria – Temple Aliyah – Needham, MA
Onot B'simcha: We dance in celebration of the seasons and all the fun they bring -- ice skating in the winter, planting flowers in the spring, swimming in the summer, and picking apples and making pie in the fall -- as we focus on what's most important: family, friends, joy, and love.

Mavrik – Washington, DC
Debka Mavrik: This dynamic debka blends traditional debka steps with contemporary dance elements, celebrating tradition with a fresh, modern twist.

Keshet of JCDS - Jewish Community Day School – Watertown, MA
Bo HaBaita: "Come home" is a journey of struggle, resilience, and redemption, where the protagonist battles isolation and despair but ultimately finds hope, healing, and a sense of belonging as they return to the warmth and safety of home.

Avirah Israeli Dance Company - University of Maryland – College Park, MD
Lama Lach: This dance explores the evolution of interpersonal relationships, capturing the journey from emotional pain and vulnerability to personal empowerment and independence through movement.

Shemesh of JCDS - Jewish Community Day School – Watertown, MA
Etzel HaDoda Ve HaDod: What would happen if your aunt and uncle went on vacation leaving you to take care of the house? Perfect time to call all your friends and have one big party!

ONOT Aviv– Temple Emanuel – Newton, MA
Shalom Aleinu Medley: This heartfelt Israeli dance blends two classic and beloved songs, Hevenu Shalom Alechem and Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu, to celebrate unity, peace, and joy. Inspired by their powerful messages of hope, this dance reflects a longing for harmony and the belief that peace will come.

Shiluv Israeli Dance Troupe – Newton, MA
Kessem Teimani: Shiluv celebrates its 10th year with a return to the first piece we danced in Boston's Israel Folkdance Festival, a tribute to Ofra Haza. Over the course of her life, Ofra Haza paid tribute to her Yemenite heritage singing songs both traditional and more modern. This dance pays tribute to Haza as an artist and to the robust styles of Yemenite dance.

Chai Alumni – The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Sisu: Sisu, "rejoice," celebrates the song's energetic and uplifting spirit. The choreography creates an atmosphere of celebration, inviting both the performers and the audience to engage in the infectious energy and joy of the music.

Finale
Od Lo Ahavti Dai: I Haven't Loved Enough!

Rosters

Avirah Israeli Dance Company – University of Maryland – College Park, MD
Artistic Director and Choreographer: Pearly Gal-Edd
President: Liora Petter-Lipstein
Choreographer: Chana Bitman
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Chai Alumni – The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble – Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Choreographer: Guillermo Treistman
Dance Director: Lainie Rosner
Randi Berman, Robyn Braha, Andrea Dil, Jana Frydberg, Allison Weiss Martin, Lainie Rosner, Harriet Rosen, Jeffrey Schachter, Rena Solomon

Katzefet – Temple Aliyah – Needham, MA
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KesheRoked – Kesher Newton – Newton, MA
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Choreographer and Artistic Director: Alla Shimron

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Kochavim – Congregation Agudath Israel – Caldwell, NJ

Director and Choreographer: Ellen Berkowitz

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Lehakat Me'hatchala – Muhlenberg College – Allentown, PA

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Mavrik – Washington, DC

Co-Artistic Directors: Julie Berg, Amalia Safer

Choreographer: Jennie Berger

Julie Berg, Jennie Berger, Allison Glass, Abby Kerbel, Sarah Freedman Klein, Amalia Safer, Emily Taylor, Missy Mandell Tucker

ONOT Aviv – Temple Emanuel – Newton, MA

Choreographer: Rimon Rosen

Assistant Choreographer: Ruthie Holzer

Olivia Ganz, Lilah Merkin, Maya Merkin, Emma Rozensztejn, Adina Silbert, Coco Smith, Ida Smith, David Snyder, Hannah Snyder, Eleanor Tansky, Franny Tansky, Sarah Zandman

Rikudei Yachad – Rockville, MD

Director: Hannah Weisman

Manager: Jessica Morris
Co-Choreographer: Abbie Talmoud
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Yesodot – Rockville, MD
Co-Directors: Mike Fox, Marnina Cowan
Director Emeritus and Choreographer: Pepe Strauss
Assistant Director: Hannah Weisman
Adi Ben-Nun, Sophia Daniel, Dahlia Goldberg, Maya Grumet, Zoe Kaminski, Elanor Lantner, Jonathan

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